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RED CROSS YARN MUST BE BOUGHT

Campaign to Raise Money to Purchase Yarn Starts This Week in Smethport and Vicinity

The finance committee, Smethport Chapter, American Red Cross has its plans completed for a financial campaign for the support of the local chapter. Up to the present time, the fifty per cent of the membership fees which belonged to the Smethport chapter and twenty-five per cent of the War Fund, which was returned to Smethport has sufficed to finance the work. Now, however, the finance committee is confronted with the task of securing a definite and fixed income for the local chapter. In order to put the matter on a business basis it has been decided to ask for definite monthly pledges for a period of ten months beginning with February.

The latter part of the week pledge cards and a circular letter will be distributed by high school girls and everyone is asked to give the matter his most serious consideration. On Tuesday, Jan. 29, a member of the finance committee or his assistant will call to collect the pledge card and the thereafter, the first week of each February contribution. Regularly, month collection will be made. The minimum asked by the executive committee is three hundred dollars a month and as that is not sufficient to produce the work turned out monthly at the work room at the present time, let alone furnishing the money needed for the work of other committees such as the Relief of the Families of Soldiers and Sailors. It simply means that Smethport must follow her usual custom and oversubscribe the minimum most liberally. Everyone should feel called upon to help in this most worthy cause; no subscription will be too small and none can be too large.

Just to illustrate the uses of the money: In the January shipment were 81 sweaters; the yarn for which cost $222.75; 45 scarfs, at a cost of $128.75; 86 pairs of socks at a cost of $69; 62 hospital bed shirts, the material totaling $41.64, and 50 suits of pajamas costing $59. These are simply a few of the larger items in the shipment, but they represent a value in material of over $500. Incidentally these are very conservative statements of prices and with the advancing price of material cannot be long duplicated. Surely, we do not want to lessen the amount of work done by our local chapter and this work cannot be done without money to buy material.

The capable and efficient finance committee is Mrs. Lucy Backus, chairman; Mrs. Fred Hungiville, secretary; Mrs. W. A. Ostrander, F. D. Gallup and J. A. Entz. They have divided the town into five districts for the furtherance of the canvass.

1st East of Fulton and north of Main—Mr. Entz.

2nd East of Fulton and south of Main—Mrs. Hungiville.

3rd West of Fulton and south of Main—Mr. Gallup.

3rd West of Fulton and north of Main—Mrs. Backus.

5th Across the creek—Mrs. Ostrander.

The committee will also appoint workers to take charge of the canvass in the outlying districts. A monthly report will be furnished to the executive committee by the finance committee and this will be published i nthe local papers.

This is our work and a district that has sent over one hundred and twenty-five young men to fight for their country will not fail to contribute abundantly to this great relief organization. So the plea is made that everyone be prepared to give liberally to the members of the finance committee when they call upon you.

Report of Christmas Box Committee.

The report of Mrs. S. F. Redfield, who had charge of the Christmas Box fund was submitted to the executive committee by T. F. Hungiville, chairman of the military relief committee. It showed cash receipts $200.00 and expenditures $200.76. In addition to this, there is listed a large number of donated articles, 5 boxes nabiscoes, 5 decks cards, 20 lbs. hard candy, 2 sacks lemon drops, 3 boxes mints 3 boxes home-made candy, 15 books, 10 magazines, 2 boxes dominoes, 1 pkg. figs, 1 lb. salted peanuts, 7 cans marshmallows, 2 testaments, 60 apples, 13 neckties, 2 shaving pads, 157 packages gum, 87 bars sweet chocolate, 45 cakes maple sugar, 65 cookies, 137 bags tobacco, 8 1-2 doz. head pencils, 1 can cocoa, 46 pieces cake, 6 pipes, 2 boxes cough drops, 33 packages dates, 28 tablets, 14 packages envelopes, 3 erasers, 2 boxes letter paper, 2 tubes tooth paste, 1 cake soap, 12 packages raisins, 1 large can tobacco, 39 boxes cigarettes, 27 handkerchiefs, 18 wash cloths.

Sixty-five boxes were packed for the soldiers that have gone out from Smethport and vicinity and seventy-five packages were made up for general distribution through the Red Cross organization. The average valuation of each box was about five dollars.

News Items.

Last Friday evening, Mesdames E. T. Daly, Flora Hogarth, J. S. McCarthy and Mary L. Bisett were the hostesses at the Red Cross rooms. There was an excellent attendance and much work was done. The collection was a liberal one.

This Friday evening, Mrs. Rose Herzog, Mrs. James Nellis, Mrs. F. D. Gallup and Miss Edna Specht are the hostesses and a cordial invitation is extended to all ladies to be present.

On Monday afternoon at the meeting of the D. A. R. auxiliary at headquarters about thirty-five were present and sewed busily all the afternoon. Refreshments were served by Mrs. R. Kessler, Jr., and Mrs. F. A. McCoy and a generous contribution made to the Red Cross treasury.

Surgical Dressings.

From now on the surgical dressing room at Red Cross headquarters will be open four afternoons a week. Mrs. Breneman will be in charge on Tuesdays and Fridays, as usual and Miss Edna Specht will be in charge Mondays and Wednesdays.

It is very necessary that more workers be found to help with this work. Only three were present on Tuesday and when you consider that a whole box of dressings taking a month to make is sometimes used on a single patient, you will easily see that our chapter must have more workers to complete our share of this work.

In many places men are helping to do this work, and if any men here are interested, the work room can be opened one or more evenings and there is already a volunteer ready to take charge of their work. Who will be the patriotic man to start the organization of such a group of workers?

A MOTHER'S WISH.

How we wish this cruel war was over
And our dear ones home again;
Let us ask our Heavenly Father,
Never again let more be slain.

But he who is called Satan
Must be banished from the earth,
And every man and woman
Must prove to God their worth.

Then we could all join hands together
And march along in line;
The world and all nations
Could live in peace divine.

We know it is very foolish
Not to have more faith in Him,
Who created this earth and heaven,
And everything therein.—M. J. L.

EMBARGO ON FREIGHT TO RELIEVE FUEL SHORTAGE.

A Washington dispatch yesterday says that McAdoo has acceded to Garfield's request for an embargo on freight to relieve the coal shortage. He issued an order barring all freight except fuel, food and war supplies from Pennsylvania east of Pittsburg, in Ohio east of the Ohio river and all lines of the Philadelphia & Reading. The statement issued by McAdoo said the primary purpose was to correct the conditions in New England and New York harbor caused by the cold weather. The embargo is only temporary, he said.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING.

The board of health met last Friday evening and re-elected the officers of last year, viz., T. F. Hungiville, president; Dr. John Clark, secretary, and C. B. Dickinson, health officer. The citizens of the borough are asked to co-operate with the health officer in the enforcement of the health laws. The first thing on the program is the early spring cleaning up of alleys and back yards.

BUY AT HOME.

The great war is fostering the community spirit and more and more we are learning that not only must we help the nation but must help each other. Patronize home merchants is one of the first rules. They help you and need your help. Read the Buy-at-Home department on page 3. You will find what your merchants and fellow-citizens have to say on the subject.

LETTERS FROM SMETHPORT BOYS

They Tell of Kindnesses Shown Them and of Good Food and Bad Weather in the Camps

Cecil Metzgar, a Smethport soldier boy, furnishes the data from which the following article is written. He was one o fthose who knew and appreciated the timely hospitality of New Rochelle, N. Y.

The sudden increase of enlistments that could not be foreseen suddenly sent six thousand men into that city that could not be accommodated at Fort Slocum, the recruiting station of the East. This happened several weeks ago and has been pretty thoroughly published throughout the country, but Cecil wishes his own townspeople to know just how grandly the people of that city arose to the occasion.

The first night of the peaceful invasion the Knights of Columbus took in, fed and sheltered the first instalment, sending some of the overflow to neighboring churches of all denominations.

The succeeding nights, as the influx increased, not only all the churches and all the institutions took men in, but citizens by the hundreds gladly opened their homes to the brave men who had undertaken to help fight the battles of America. By the end of the week the whole town was organized. Men of every station in life left their business affairs and joined the work of caring for the soldiers. Lawyers, doctors, business men, workingmen, all sorts, all religions, worked side by side hunting up mattresses and blankets and making places for the visitors to be comfortable in.

The women of New Rochelle came out liberally by hundreds to cook for the soldiers and to wait on them at table and to find books for them to read and games for them to play that their visit might be made enjoyable.

The people of New Rochelle did what they did gladly. They were proud to have such an important share in the great war, and they wanted to do their best. And certainly no people could have done better. No complaint was ever heard from any of them—not even from some who had stood guard for twenty-four or thirty-six hours at a stretch, and did not average five hours sleep for the entire week.

Naturally the soldiers who were so splendidly cared for are grateful and their gratitude is the only reward that their hosts wanted or expected.

The action at New Rochelle has shown the 'Stuff that American are made of. It has shown that all differences of race, creed and religion fade away in a great work for the common country. Jews were housed in the homes of Catholics; Catholics in the homes of Presbyterians, Baptists in the homes of Jews. No color line was drawn, no foolish distinctions were made. The visitors were American soldiers not yet in uniform, the victims of one of the accidents that must happen when a great nation is mustering its vast strength for war. They needed help, and they got it promptly. They were made more than welcome, and had the need arisen they would have been comfortably housed and sheltered for the remainder of the Winter.

The following letter was received recently by B. P. Oviatt:

Camp Wadsworth, S. C.
Jan. 13, 1918.

Dear Friend Ben:—

I have received the MINER for the last two weeks and it certainly does look good. After reading it I pass it along to C. J. McAhon, who is also a private in this company, so we keep pretty well infored of the doings of the old town and vicinity. We also arrange to let Corp. H. A. Benson of Colegrove and Sergt. Carlson of Olean, who have some unknown attraction in Smethport, and Corp. Tormey of Co. L, formerly of Smethport, see the papers.

We are having real cold weather here for the last month. It snows and rains by spells so that the ground is very icy. Yesterday the ground was so icy that the mules could not travel safely, so they formed details of about 30 men per wagon for each company and we hauled the wagons by hands about 3 miles out into the country for wood to burn in the tents and kitchens. There have been several cases of German measles in this regiment, so that they have the 108 regiment quarantined in. I being one of the first to get them was sent to the base hospital, but there being so many cases they soon put the regiment under quarantine.

We have not drilled for a week there being no room inside the guard lines. So we sit around the tent stove and read and smoke. Christmas came and went very quietly here in camp, although everything possible was done by the folks at home and the army to make us enjoy the day. The dinner was something to be long remembered. Well, there being nothing more to say will close.

As ever,
Priv. J. R. Scowden.

COURT HOUSE NOTES.

Marriage Licenses.

Jan. 23—Al. Doty and Nellie Pearl Wright, both of Olean.

Deeds.

Jan. 16—Archibald V. Edick and wife to Georgia M. Wilson, Bradford, $1.

Genevieve E. Clark to C. N. Carman, Bradford, $300.

Catherine R. Patterson to Lena P. Stoddard, Hamlin township, $1.

Edith Trenny and husband to Samuel E. Rice, Eldred township, $1.

Jan. 17—Carl G. Engstrom and wife to F. A. Aggers, Kane, $1.

Naomi E. White et al to F. P. Sawton, Foster township, $1.

S. A. Mundy and wife to Elizabeth Loveless Bradford, $1.

Joseph Diem, Jr., and wife to Clyde J. Lewis Duke Center, $225.

Jan. 18—William J. Lawrence et al to Kane Gasoline Co., Kane, $1200.

J. S. Fisher, treas., to City of Bradford, Bradford, $34.98.

Jan. 19—Kane Land & Improvement Co. to Boro of Kane, Kane, $1.

Jan. 21—William V. Provin to Willis R. Provin, Smethport, $1.

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Jennie A. Swallow to Ella A. Wakeman, Port Allegany, $1.

Jan. 22—Jennie L. Marcott to Mary Whelan, Bradford, $350.

Treas. of McKean county to H. J. Corell et al, Hamlin township, $68.07.

Jan. 23—John A. Johnson to W. O. Gallup, Kane, $1.

Huston A. Thompson to Helen M. Adair, Hamlin township, $650.

P. C. Blaisdell and wife to Ada B. Yates, Bradford, $1.

Frank Fessenhayer and wife to John P. Beatty, Bradford, $1.

Ernest S. Brown and wife to Western N. Y. & Pa. Ry. Co., Liberty township, $1.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

Jan. 16—F. P. Schoonmaker et al, exrs., to John Vandermark, Bradford township, $200.

Jan. 19—Louise Dana to James T. Black, Otto township, $1000.

Jan. 21—Gladys T. Dykeman to Ellen Clark Hannah and husband, Bradford, $3000.

KUMMIN!

Mister and Misters' Jeremiah Robkins' Singin' Skule Beginment.

Yes, it's kummin'—a home talent play under the direction of Miss Clara L. Moyer and is to be given in the Smethport Liceum Thursday nite, Jan. 31. The Cononada Camp Fire gearls air at the bottom of this. They want to raze funds to help a little French orphant. So kum and bring all yore friens to here the new-fangled tunes and see the fun. Be shure to sew yore buttons on tite befor you kum, for this show is said to be a regular "button buster." You kin git a tickets from one of the Camp Fire gearls or pay at the door when you git there. Don't forgit the date: Thursday nite, Jan. 31.

UNCLE SAM NO PIKER.

It is quite evident to one Smethport man who paid a freight bill this week on a shipment of household goods that Uncle Sam is not going to take any chance on losing money in his operation of the railroads. If the railroads under their own management had been allowed to charge on the scale of this bill there would have been none of the protesting heard from railroad managements that has featured the news for the past several years.

EDWARD GLAVIN IS IN FRANCE.

Mr. and Mrs. William Glavin received notice from the government Friday that their son, Edward Glavin, had arrived safely in France. He belongs to the 21st Regt. Engineers, U. S. A. Ed's many friends here in his home town wish for him a glorious career in that war-torn land and a safe return home.

HELP HIGH SCHOOL PAY ITS EXPENSES

Athletic Committee Sends Out S.O.S. Because Its Basketball Games Are Not Receiving Patronage

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Two games were played last week by the high school basketball teams, the girls' team being defeated by the Kane girls by a score of 10-2, the boys by the Ludlow High School team by the score of 37-20. Both games were much closer than the scores would indicate, and the locals look forward with considerable confidence to evening the scores with their opponents when they appear on the home floor later in the season.

The girls' team lined up as follows: Birdie Monheimer and Dorothy Hogarth at forward, Ruby Warren at center, Winifred O'Brien and Clara Hungiville at guard, Regina Cruger, Arlene McCarthy and Martha Colegrove were substituted during the game, which was fast and rather rough. Birdie Monheimer was responsible for the only basket scored by Smethport.

For the boys' team which was defeated at Ludlow, Howe and A. Smith played the best games. The crowd in attendance was the biggest of the season and filled the high school gymnasium to the limit. Prof. Ziegenfuss, coach of the Ludlow team, refereed the entire game in an exceptionally capable manner. At times the local team showed especially creditable passing and team-work, but they were badly handicapped by inability to find the basket once that it was open for a shot. Ross, Ludlow's left forward, was easily the star of the game, scoring 23 of their total 37.

The line-up follows:

Smethport 20		Ludlow 37
A. Smith	lf	Ross
W. Howe	rf	Swanson
McCarthy	c	Bair
W. Hamilton	lg	Colmy
H. Gonla	rg	Hoskin

Substitution—Malcolm for McCarthy.

Field goals—Smith 3, Howe 2, McCarthy 2, Hamilton 1, Malcolm 1; Ross 10, Swanson 2, Bair 4.

A basketball schedule of twelve games, exclusive of those arranged for by the girls' team, has been decided upon by the boys' team of the high school. Of this number, as will be noted from the dates, three have been played and the fourth is scheduled for Friday evening. The list of games follows:

Dec. 14, at Kane; Jan. 11, Kane here; Jan. 18, at Ludlow; Jan. 25, Shinglehouse here; Feb. 1, at Shinglehouse; Feb. 8, Port Allegany here; Feb. 15, at Eldred; Feb. 22, at Port Allegany; March 1, Bradford here; March 8, Ludlow here; March 15, at Bradford; March 22, Eldred here.

The Athletic association of the high school is put to heavy expense in attempting to carry on basketball under the difficult circumstances which face them. Smethport is almost the only high school on the schedule which has not its own gymnasium in which the boys may play free of charge. Not having this advantage, the boys are forced to rent at rather heavy expense the opera house for every practice called. This rapidly runs up into money, and demands that the revenue from the games be very high to meet the expenditure, as this is the only source from which money can come. The attendance at the last game was so small as to make the outlook exceedingly serious. This is intended as an appeal to the citizens of the town to support the high school in this work.

IN OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Buffalo Evening News recently published a photograph of William H. Farnham, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Farnham of 1001 Lafayette avenue, Buffalo. The young man is now stationed at the officers' training camp at Chickamauga Park, Tenn. He was a senior at Cornell university and editor of the Cornell Era when he answered the call. Mr. Farnham, the young man's father, is well known in Smethport business circles and has an office in the Grange Bank building.

SEE THE INCOME TAX MAN.

If you are in doubt, see Mr. Cover at the court house about your income tax. It is especially those who are not sure about the $1,000 and $2,000 incomes that he is anxious to inform. Better be safe than sorry. See Mr. Cover at the library of the court house. He leaves town Saturday.

DEATH OF LEWIS MARKS.

The death of Lewis Marks of Smethport, which occurred in the Bradford Hospital where he had been for treatment, came as a shock to his friends here. While he had long been in poor health, his critical condition was not realized by many of his friends.

Lewis Marks was born in Jackson, N. J., June 23, 1876, the son of Lewis Marks and Anna (Wangeman) Marks. He came to Smethport in 1899 where he has since made his home.

On Sept. 7th, 1909, by the Rev. W. E. VanDyke in St. Luke's church he was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Gifford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warley Gifford who with one daughter, Emma Agnes, survive him to mourn a kindly loving husband and father.

He died in Bradford hospital Wednesday, Jan. 18th, 1918.

There survive him of his own family the father and mother, one brother, Harry Marks of Philadelphia; two sisters, Mrs. Heber Nichols of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Herbert Stowell of Bridgeton, N. J.

In his long residence in Smethport of nearly nineteen years he had won to him many friends by his genial kindly manners and because he was true and faithful in his friendships. Ill health over a period of six years was quietly and patiently borne by him with Christian fortitude. The tale of his years of earthly life are told with its records of love and patience and forgivenesses, its battle, its victories, and we breathe a prayer as resigned to the Father's will we say:

"O Jesu, all pitying blest
Grant him thine eternal rest."

The burial service was held at the home of Mr. Warley Gifford by Rev. W. E. VanDyke, rector of St. Luke's church Saturday afternoon, January 19, at 2 p. m.

"Lord of the living and the dead,
In whom our loved ones still abide;
'Neath us Thine arms of comfort spread
And draw us closer to Thy side.
And while we lean upon Thy breast,
Enlarge our hope, increase our faith,
And whisper of that perfect rest—
That endless life that follows death."

LOCAL INSTITUTE.

High School, Smethport, Pa., Saturday, January 26, 1918.

FORENOON SESSION 9:30.

Devotionals ..... Rev. J. S. Fleming
Eighth Grade Chorus.
Drill 12d grade ..... Miss Bessie Ottoson
Reading, "Mrs. Wiggs' Benefit Dance" ..... Miss Dorothy Worster
"Glimpses of Modern Education" ..... Miss Emma Tretton
Reading, "Jane Jones Keeps Talking to Me All the While" ..... Miss Gladys Nourse
"The New School" ..... Prof. G. F. Dunkelberger (Dept. Education, Southwestern State Normal School)

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30.

Girls' Glee Club.
Drill 4th grade ..... Miss Olive Richards
"From a Parent's Viewpoint" ..... Mrs. Etta Hogarth
Trio—Mrs. E. E. Bouton, Miss Birdie Monheimer, Miss Dorothy Hogarth.
"Retardation in Our Schools" ..... Prof. Paul D. Womeldorf (Principal Port Allegany Schools)
"Educational Measurements" ..... Prof. George F. Dunkelberger

Public Safety Committee.
J. A. Entz, Chairman.
C. W. Lillibridge, Co. Supt.

T. F. HUNGIVILLE FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATOR.

Philadelphia, Jan. 18, 1918.

Mr. T. F. Hungiville, Smethport, Pa.

My Dear Sir:—

This is to confirm your appointment as my Federal Food Representative for McKean county and you are hereby authorized to handle the work of the Federal Food Administration in said county, as directed.

Yours very truly,
HOWARD HEINZ.
Federal Food Administrator
Pennsylvania.

The above is a copy of a letter received by Mr. Hungiville last week and is self-explanatory. The State Food Administrator certainly used good judgment in his choice of a representative for McKean county as Mr. Hungiville is entirely capable and will attend to his duties in a thorough and sensible manner.

FOR SALE.

A mill for sale.
4th Daniel Collins, Norwich, Pa.

My First Case

By Margaret Estelle Anderson

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The auto came to a dead halt with a softly dying echo of sound like the last expiring note of a musical threnody. I sprang from the seat and went over the machine. Then I removed a cushion, unscrewed the tank top, probed it with the measuring ruler.

"Less than three-quarters of an inch of gasoline," I soliloquized ruefully. "There's nothing but sediment to draw from, and that below the strain pipe. Bother!"

It was not a pleasant, hopeful, nor apparently mendable misadventure. I knew that the nearest town lay six miles behind me, the city twelve miles ahead. The road I was traversing had not shown an average of one farmhouse to the mile, and that sparse neighborhood could scarcely support a garage. I was thinking hard what was best to do, when a pedestrian came up.

"Stalled?" he intimated. "What's the trouble?"

"Gas gone. You don't happen to know where I could get any?"

"U-umm! Let me see," drawled my chance visitor musingly. "Why, yes. You see that grove of trees, sixty rods ahead? Well, it hides Lanyon's farmhouse. They have a machine and can help you out."

I thanked the man, who went lumbering along on his way. Sure enough, as I got past the grove a farmhouse showed. It was dark and wrapped in gloom, and as I entered the gateway of its front yard I flared my pocket electric torch to guide me. I went up the steps, focussed the light rays to find no bell knob and knocked on the door. There was no response to my rapping, even after I had repeated it half a dozen times.

"Nobody home," I muttered, disgustedly and disagreeably enough, and had a daring idea in my mind to visit the barn structure at the rear and burst my way in, if necessary, to explore for the possible gasoline surplus kept on hand, when I fancied I caught the echo of a voice inside the house.

I descended the steps and, flaring the light as much to attract attention as to guide my course, descended them and walked slowly around one side of the house. Near to a small porch I paused. Again a cry, a call from inside, reached my hearing. I got up on the porch, ran my light across a low French window, and fixed the rays upon a chair against the inside wall. In it was seated a girl, pale, eager faced, with parted lips and wild eyes for which there lurked a haunted expression. These lips moved. "Push in the window!" she cried out.

I did so. "I have broken the catch," I said, feebly, as I stepped over the low sill.

"That does not matter," spoke the girl rapidly. "You are a stranger. What brought you here?"

"The need of gas, too," I told her. "I drove by and saw the place."

"Yes. Are you bound for the city?"

"Why, yes."

"Are you willing to earn a fee?"

"I—I suppose so," I repeated vaguely.

"I have enemies, and those who have claimed me here may return at any moment, so hasten, oh! please don't delay. Then I will show you where the gasoline is, provided you take me to the city."

"Why, certainly," I replied, mystified and oblivious. "Chained? Why, so you are!"

I was startled, I was thrilled. As I drew nearer to the girl I observed that a cruel, curved chain encircled her waist. The end was fastened to a staple, and the key padlocked under the chair, but by the girl's helpless position.

"Are you bound to this chair?" I asked. "Oh, hurry! hurry! hurry! please," the girl breathlessly.

I need not analyze the sensation roused by this. Was she demented, and thus made helpless so she could not rave about and do mischief to life and property? Taking a risk, I released her. She seized a bunch of keys and told me to follow her, ran to the barn, and [illegible] I obeyed. At a tank with a faucet she bucket-beside it. I made two trips to the automobile, and had got the machine started when the girl, who had gone back to the house, came running up, dressed for the open air and carrying several parcels in her arm. These she threw into the rear seat and jumped in herself.

"You said you would take me to the city," she spoke in a strained, eager tone.

"I will keep my promise," I replied, "only—I don't understand."

"You shall, when I am sure we are well on our way."

I had left a bank note on top of the tank in the barn, so I was satisfied on all scores except the fear that I might be meddling in a dangerous business in giving this girl her freedom. I made a swift spin, to slow down only as the lights of the city began to appear in the distance. She leaned forward me.

"You doubtless think I am some demented creature," she spoke into my ear. "Wrong. I have been kidnapped and held a prisoner for a reason I do not comprehend.

"I am a lawyer," I announced, with the budding dignity quite professional. "Tell me your story."

"No," she answered definitely. "The people who certainly were bribed to imprison me are distant relatives. I wish to make them no trouble. I am free, thanks to you. I have friends in the city. I shall be safe with them."

She did not speak again until we were gliding along paved streets. Then she again leaned over towards me.

"Please stop," she urged, in a calm, collected tone now, and I did so. She got out of the machine, leaning over to collect her bundles. Then she gave me a grateful glance.

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart," she said, and somehow I longed to know more of her, as she vanished around a corner from my view.

I longed to see her far more urgently an hour later. Why, I shall have to explain. I was a young lawyer and I was due at the city the next day on my first legal case. Of course I represented my firm, but if I met with success it would be a great start in a promising legal career.

Briefly, the case was this: Adam Moore, a lifelong client of the firm, had died, and the week following a disreputable mining promoter presented his note for thirty-five thousand dollars, due on demand, for a half interest in a patent of no value, hawked around the market unsuccessfully for some years. The promoter showed also a signed agreement proving the deal. This was duly attested by a stenographer and notary public, Miss Elsa Deane.

There was no doubt but that Mr. Moore had held some correspondence with the promoter, but the daughter and legatee of Mr. Moore declared that upon the day note and agreement were dated, her father was automobiling two hundred miles distant and could not have been in the city on that day. Further, although the signature was well counterfeited, it was a forgery. One contention was that the promoter, hearing of the death of Mr. Moore, had hurriedly set up a plot from which he hoped to reap a rich harvest.

A singular circumstance was that we had not been able to locate this Miss Deane, who had given up her position by telephone the day after the agreement was acknowledged.

And now for the climax! I had set my satchel and a roll of documents comprising copies of all the papers

It Reads: "Send Officers."

in the case in the rear seat of the automobile, and in the hurry of getting away the girl I had befriended had accidentally carried the parcel away with her as a bundle.

I did not sleep that night. I saw the futility of locating a girl in hiding. I tried to secure a continuance of the case in court the next morning, but it was refused. The court was fairly in session when a [illegible] came into the railinged space, where I sat, glancing over writings, and reached me a note. It read: "Send officers to obtain the man in a checked suit under the dock. It be quick to leave. Meantime see him."

I lifted my eyes. A woman wearing a heavy veil had raised and waved her hand as if to indicate that she was my mysterious correspondent. I went to her side. Her first astonishing act was to hand me the missing package; her next to lift her veil. She was the companion of my midnight automobile drive.

"I am Elsa Deane," she said simply. "I fortunately looked over those papers and was fully enlightened. The man in the checked suit yonder is the one of the conspirators who signed the agreement which I certified."

Her evidence sent the forger and the promoter to prison and saved my client thirty-five thousand dollars. We spared the relatives who had held her captive for a bribe.

We needed a stenographer at the office and I told Miss Deane so, and the firm, appreciating her splendid part in the case, made her an unusual salary offer.

And in four months I found I needed a wife, and who should I look to but Elsa, who had helped me win my first case.

Gratitude Everywhere.

Livingstone, who spent most of his life in a hostile wilderness among villainous slave traders and cruel heathen, nevertheless said: "A kind word or deed is never lost." There is no excuse in civilized surroundings, notes an exchange, for the complainer who insists that everyone is ungrateful.

"Better Times"

By Lucille Estelle Balcom

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I was in a deplorable condition, mentally, physically and in a financial way. I had not had a square meal for a month; there was not so much in my pocket as a dime to provide me with my customary cheap lodging house bed, and I was glad of the enveloping fog, which hid my thin, threadbare garments.

It was about nine o'clock in the evening, and I was standing in front of a half-completed building, wondering if I had not better seek in some of its sheltered corners a resting place for the night and get away from the drenching rain and the fierce wind raging overhead, when I noticed a well-dressed, brisk-appearing man approaching. I could only make out form and face dimly, for the rays of the corner electric light were obscured by a jutting stone column, but I saw that he was about my own build and height. As the mist raised momentarily I noticed also two sinister-looking men 50 feet behind him, slinking, dodging and drawing out of view against the building.

The man in advance was not ten feet away from me when there sounded a snappy creak overhead. He uttered a sharp cry, sprang at me, seized me by both arms, gave me a swing, sent me wheeling into a heap of debris and himself jumped back. I saw a swift object descending, the bulkhead of a derrick swept from its base by the high wind. It crashed into splinters directly at the spot where I had stood. But for that timely hand I would have been crushed to an unrecognizable mass.

The vigorous fling my preserver had given me had landed me on my knees. There I remained, at first so chilled with horror that I could not move; then so grateful that a prayer of humble thankfulness was framed upon my quivering lips. My rescuer seized my arm to assist me to my feet. As he did so I wavered past the shallow line, though not he. As the light crossed my face he uttered a mighty gasp.

"Great heavens!" I heard him murmur.

"You have saved my life!" I spoke.

"Lucky I happened to see that big derrick break loose," he replied quite casually.

"And my life is yours," a grateful thrill impelled me to add; "To my last day that life is yours!"

He laughed off my solemnity and fervor, and shrugged his shoulders lightly. Then he stood motionless for a moment, apparently thinking.

"You'd do something for me if you could, eh?" he questioned finally.

"Try me," I responded, feeling emotion strong within me.

"Good! About fifty feet back there are two fellows who have been following me."

"I noticed them," I said.

"They have a spout like that of a bloodhound and eyes like an eagle. Act out some by-play I suggest and listen and memorize what I may say. Act as though you were begging me for money. Put out your hand. I pass you some coins. Then go straight ahead, past those two men, as though you had never seen me before and never expected to see me again."

"I understand," I nodded.

"At midnight come to the Cambridge building," and he gave number and street. "Don't enter it at the front, but at the rear. Take pains to learn that no one is lurking around, principally those two sleuths ahead yonder. Ascend two flights of stairs. Come to suite 11, that is mine, and you will know it because I shall have the door fabric ajar and brightly lighted within. Can I depend on you?"

"To the smallest item," I pledged.

"Good—go on."

Like one in a dream I did go on—past the lurking twain, acting out the pensioned tramp, eagerly making for restaurant or saloon with a beggar's mite.

My rescuer had given me nearly two dollars in small silver change. It was three hours to midnight. I treated myself to the first full meal I had enjoyed for a week. I tried to figure out the strange circumstance of the night. The mysterious environment of my preserver, his inexplicable appointment he had made for me puzzled and confused me. I strolled about to put in the time. It was just midnight when I located the Cambridge building. I did not pass by its front, but went around to its rear court; made sure I was entering the right building, and ascended two flights of stairs, as directed, certain that no one had seen me outside or about the place.

Looking down a softly carpeted hall, I stole along its length until I reached a door ajar. It bore number 11. It was swiftly drawn clear open. My rescuer had evidently been waiting for me expectantly. He pushed me forward, closing the door; walked clear across the room and up in front of a mirror. Then he swung to my side.

"Look," he said. I stared. It was something amazing to sweep my glance from my own to his counterfeit presentment in the mirror. Why, I was his man's double! If we had been brothers, in facial contour, in build, almost in age we could not have looked more alike.

"Do you notice it?" questioned my companion, always animated and smiling.

"The resemblance, yes," I replied.

"It struck me, back there where the derrick fell when you came into the light," he proceeded. "Very well; I want to hire you to personate Adrian Noble, myself, for a week."

I did not reply; I was stupefied at all the strange, unusual developments of my chance meeting with this man. He seemed to read my thoughts.

"Because two men are constantly shadowing me, because all this secrecy and mystery, don't imagine I am some terrible criminal," he suggested. "Those two sleuths are paid for a definite mission—to see that I do not leave the city. They have no power to detain me. Only, if I should leave, they will at once telegraph to a point of vital interest to me, five hundred miles away, and spoil my life."

"And I can help you?" I asked.

"Materially."

"Then use me. I ask no questions. Give me explicit instructions and depend upon me to follow them out."

Those instructions were clear and simple. I was to become Adrian Noble, who had no acquaintances in the city, and who was known to none except the two skulkers I had seen. I

Acting Out the Tramp.

was to shave, array myself in the clothing of my new friend, go where I liked, spend what money I liked, simply keep up the farce that I was Adrian Noble, to delude the sleuths who would be ever at my heels.

Adrian Noble prepared me fully for the role I consented to assume. It was not a difficult one. To be well dressed, fully fed, provided with money and comfortably housed, inspired me with confidence in my powers to carry the program through.

At times my mind misgave me, during a week when there was with me the certain consciousness that my every step was dogged. I pretended never to observe my tireless trailers, but a dozen times a day I discovered them near me. One day I went into a barber shop, and, removing my collar, seated myself in the hands of the convivial artist. Glancing into the mirror I saw one of the sleuths glide casually into the shop. He feigned to look at some pictures on the wall, gave me a keen glance and went out again.

Just after I myself had left the place, half a square traversed, I drew into the shelter of an open hallway, to get out of a sudden dash of rain. I drew back as a few minutes later both of the men entered the hallway.

"I told you," spoke the one who had come into the barber shop. "I had my suspicions. The real one had a red birthmark under the collar. This one hasn't. Say, I'll bet we're done nuxed! We'd better get a wire to our people instantly."

I found out they were indeed "done nuxed" before another 24 hours had passed. I was seated in my room—Adrian Noble's room—the next afternoon when, with a joyous cry Adrian Noble himself rushed into the apartment; on his arm the loveliest, blushing, bright-eyed angel of beauty mortal ever saw.

"My wife!" he shouted deliriously, slapping me on the shoulder with a sounding thwack. "And you helped me win her!"

"And I could kiss you for your brave share in our great adventure," warbled the sunny creature. "And for your looking so bewilderingly like Adrian."

And the explanations: A tyrannous guardian had tried to hold these lovers apart. While Noble was in the city and at a safe distance, the cruel ogre allowed Nellie Wayne more freedom than usual. He felt safe as long as his city emissaries reported Noble under their eyesore. Noble had stolen a march on them, had managed to elope with Nellie, and now they defied the world.

He was a man of wealth, and proved it to me. Both cooing doves insisted on starting me in business, sending for the loving lass who had been waiting for better times many, many weary months. And better times had come—to stay—for Adrian Noble and for his happy wife, for my faithful Grace and for myself.

Optimistic Thought.

Recreation restores both mind and body.

RED CROSS IS GOOD TO THE SAMMIES

The Red Cross canteens where the soldiers get real coffee nice and hot, and sandwiches—just like the Sammies were used to getting at home—is the joy and comfort of the men as they are traveling. After a long wait at some station, a "swallow" of that coffee and a "bite" of one of those sandwiches is their chief desire. And the canteens are always there with mounds of goodies to serve them. The Red Cross treatment has won the hearts of the soldiers.

FOR THE POULTRY GROWER

An egg-laying strain cannot be produced by inbreeding. In order for a hen to be a good producer, Tom Barron writes, she must be in good health and full of vigor. Use a male that was bred from a hen that laid 200 eggs or more in a year. Breed for high averages instead of exceptionally high individuals. A good layer usually stands high in front and her back is not on a level, or the rear higher than the front. The best producers usually have large combs, a high tail, and a prominent, large, bright eye. Prefer the wedge shape, rather narrow in front but wide behind, and wide between the legs. A hen inclined to be squirrel-tailed is the best layer.

Not always the largest hen is the best layer; generally the smallest one.

The heavy laying hens are those with white legs.

A tight-feathered bird is a better layer than a loose-feathered one.

A hen that does not lay well in winter should not be used.

As a rule, the first pullets of a brood to begin laying make the best layers, and the first cockerels to crow usually make the best breeders for egg production.

The laying hen is usually nervous and active, according to H. A. Wilkens; she has a strong appetite, evidenced by a full crop at night; she is the last to retire at night and the first to be about in the morning; she is also late to molt in the fall; she is distinguished by width and depth of abdomen; the comb is usually large and the eye bright.

Professor Kent says that an examination of the earlobe is considered to be almost infallible. A chalky white earlobe indicates that a bird is laying heavily, whereas a cream-colored one shows that the bird is laying moderately, has just started or has just stopped. A milk-colored earlobe shows that the hen has laid slightly or has stopped laying. A very yellow or dark earlobe indicates that the hen has not laid at all. An extremely white earlobe also may mean very low vitality. The more velvety the texture of the hen's comb the better her health, and it is almost a certain sign that she is laying heavily.

History of Paraguay.

Paraguay has a rich history. Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay, is the oldest city on the Atlantic slope of South America. But even more significant than this, Asuncion was the colony of the new world to defy the doings of its foreign masters and elect its own governor. Here for the first time burned the fires of liberty on American soil, and here for the first time was poured out precious blood for the establishment of those principles for which so many have since died and which we all hold so dear. Twenty-five years before the Plymouth brethren landed at Plymouth Rock, the little colony in Paraguay had elected one of its own native-born Americans as governor, and had forced the king of Spain to recognize his authority and give him the royal support.

Aridity and Crops.

In ancient civilization we find the people showed a preference for arid countries and there the soils were most fertile. Egypt, Palestine, Persia, Syria, oases in the Libyan and Sahara deserts, Arabia, on both sides of the Mediterranean; in fact everywhere aridity occurs is closely linked with the world's greatest and most valuable crops.

Crude Oil Is Consumed in Excess of the Production

It is interesting to read that the country is consuming crude oil at the rate of 26,000,000 barrels a year in excess of production. A demand to rush production is raised. There is refining capacity for 1,250,000 barrels a day, while the production is about 1,000,000. Many of us who are not yet superannuated can remember when oil was put to use. Since that time how much has gushed or been drawn from underground? Nobody can calculate, says the Hartford Courant.

We know where the perpetual brooks and rivers come from. The water flowing to the sea returns in rain and the supply is continually self-renewing. But how about oil? How can that return to the inner earth after being separated and burned? Everybody takes it for granted that there is an unlimited supply of oil to be had, and nobody discusses the possibility of its giving out. What would the world do today if it suddenly found itself without oil?

Rats, Pets of Miners, Warn Workmen of Unseen Dangers

There is one place in the world where rats are pets. Such is the case, says the public health service, in the deep gold mines of the mother lode in California.

In those underground workings there are great numbers of rats, which are petted and fed by the miners. When the latter assemble at noontime to eat their lunch, the hungry rodents likewise gather to receive scraps of food thrown to them. They are very tame.

The miners cultivate their good will because they believe that the rats warn them of unseen dangers, and that the little animals can tell by instinct when the roof of a tunnel or gallery is unsafe. In the latter case they scurry away. If poisonous gases are present, they give notice of the fact by showing symptoms of distress.

How Work Helps.

Count yourself among the blest if you can work, and work hard. Work has specific healing for your trouble, although on other grounds I am its disciple—a pilgrim to its shrine. I had always liked my two hands inordinately for what they could do, writes Margaret Baldwin, in the Atlantic, but when, long ago, I learned how intimately and fundamentally the hands had had to do in primal ages with the evolution of the brain of earliest homo, when he yet struggled with his colthis and his unperfected thumbs, I reverenced them anew. The power of the hand visibly to recreate the mental conception of a Raphael and a Praxiteles is indefinable and exquisite. The hands hold the sublimity of the spirit to the power of the flesh.

Popular Science.

Compressed peat is being developed by a European inventor as a sound insulating material.

No matter in what position it is attached, the seat of a new bath tub chair remains level.

Six varieties of seaweed are used by the Japanese in the manufacture of vegetable isinglass.

A patent has been granted a Detroit woman for a screw hook that holds a plate above it and a cup below it at the same time.

A hand-operated emery wheel which can be clamped to any tree has been invented to sharpen the tools of men working in forests.

FURNITURE

We respectfully call your attention to the fact that all our Furniture is worth your notice. You will get good, honest Furniture, the kind that is up to date and well made.

H. H SASSE Furniture, and Wall Paper Undertaking in All Its Branches

MANY WOMEN

WHO HAVE BEEN DOING BUSINESS with us have added materially to the efficiency of our Bank, and their interests in our institution is much appreciated.

WE ARE ALWAYS GLAD to be of service in making plain the many puzzling questions that arise with reference to a Bank account.

It is always a pleasure to co-operate and serve you.

GRANGE NATIONAL BANK,
Smethport, Pa.

37% More For Your Money.

Get the Genuine HILL'S CASCARA BROMIDE QUININE

No advance in price for this 20-year-old remedy—25c for 24 tablets—Some cold tablets now 30c for 21 tablets—Figured on proportionate cost per tablet, you save 9½c when you buy Hill's—Cures Cold in 24 hours—grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. 24 Tablets for 25c. At any Drug Store

McKean County Miner

Smethport, Thursday, Jan. 24, 1918.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—It is up to you to read the new advertisement of Hogarth's Pharmacy.

—Mrs. Harry L. Backus has an attractive magazine offer advertised today.

—Ladies, your attention is especially directed to Fry & Comes advertisement this week.

—The Grange National Bank statement appears elsewhere in this issue and shows the flourishing condition of that excellent institution.

—State Highway Commissioner O'Neil has advertised for bids for grading 5,707 feet of highway leading out of the town of Rew in Foster township. The improvement contemplated means lessening of dangerous Rew City hill.

—Five months in the Allegheny county workhouse and $50 fine was the sentence doled out by Judge E. L. Whitsley at Erie Thursday afternoon to each of the six Pennsylvania railroad employes who pleaded guilty to larceny from freight cars operated by the road.

—The county commissioners of McKean County have advertised for bids for the purchase of $150,000 worth of Goods Roads bonds, series "A." Bids will close on February 14 at 12 o'clock noon, at the court house in Smethport. The bonds bear interest at 5 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually and each bond will be for $1,000.

—Reports have been circulated from the numerous hunters in this vicinity to the effect that many pheasants, partridges and grouse are being found frozen to death due to the crust on the snow, and the inability of the birds to seek warmth in the snow as is their habit. The season for the hunting of feathered animals has been closed for some time, but their devastation through freezing has been more complete than the hunters could ever make it.

—The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railway has announced an important change in time tables, effective Sunday, January 27, 1918. This change includes discontinuing two local trains on the Rochester division, two on the Buffalo division and the discontinuance of service south of Butler on two local trains on the Pittsburgh division. Time of the through trains has been changed materially to accommodate traffic formerly handled by trains which have been discontinued.

—Friends of Mrs. E. H. McCandless report that she is pleasantly located at the Hotel Gregson, Santa Barbara, California.

Mitchell Woodhouse, young son of Register nd Recorder Woodhouse was badly scalded about the legs while skating—a paradox, it sounds. He was just shooting by the exhaust of a mill, which started up at the moment, and the escaping steam which enveloped him and the scald-moment, and the escaping steam ing water made painful burns. The young-ter is getting along as well as could be expected.—Wellsboro Advocate.

ATTENTION TO ALL ADVERTISERS.

All change of advertisements reaching this office later than Tuesday at noon will be used the following week.

Twelve o'clock Tuesdays is the closing time for advertising copy to be in, and any arriving later than that will not be used the same week.

Advertisers are advised to bear this in mind as no exceptions will be made.

Soldiers' Chance of Life.

If you, a drafted man, believe that statistics tell the truth, you will feel as safe in France as you usually do in the streets of New York. So says Roger W. Babson, the eminent statistician, according to Popular Science Monthly. Furthermore, he says that the man who is connected with the heavy field artillery is no more likely to be killed than one in the employ of a railroad. However, he does not hold out such high hopes for the lieutenants, sergeants and corporals, the death rate being very much greater among officers than among privates. Also, the mortality is higher among volunteer corps than among drafted men. Sixty men per thousand are now being killed in the war, and about 150 men out of each thousand are wounded.

One Year to Travel 25 Miles.

Rudolph Manderson, chief of the Southern party of Stefansson arctic expedition, has received a letter from Rev. H. Girling, Emanuel, Saskatoon, who for the last three years has been trying to reach the so-called blond Eskimos. The little boat in which three missionaries comprising the party were traveling was blown up by an explosion last spring, and they lost the greater part of their supplies. In a year's time the party had succeeded in traveling only 25 miles along the coast, so great were the difficulties experienced.

Should Keep Time With Feet.

The wrist watch has been made popular by the boys in khaki. It is much more convenient they find to turn up their sleeve and note the time than it is to dig in their jeans to discover it. But, according to a facetious member of the camp at Van Cortlandt Park, it looks as if the cherished fad will be sent to the discard. "The old man," meaning, of course, the colonel, he said, "is very much up in the air about wrist watches. What he wants mostly is for rookies to keep time with their feet."

Yum, Yum.

"George!"

"Yes, dear?"

"They say there is danger of a sugar shortage."

"What do I care as long as I have you, sweetness?"

IF YOU BUY OUT OF TOWN AND I BUY OUT OF TOWN, WHAT WILL BECOME OF OUR TOWN?

THE DOLLAR YOU SPEND IN SMETHPORT WILL "COME HOME TO BOOST."

THE McKEAN COUNTY MINER

BUY AT HOME CAMPAIGN

Read the article with care. They may present something you hadn't thought of before. Patronize the people whose cards are here. They are your neighbors and will treat you right. The money you spend with them stays in circulation in Smethport.

Just Draw Your Automobile in

We will do the rest, we can repair any make of car and, we can fix you out with all kinds of accessories. Firestone Tires etc. Our Garage is always open for business. Boost for Home Trade we do. Smethport Garage Co.

We Carry all The Latest Creations.

On Ladies wear cloaks dresses, also a full line of Dry Goods. It is our aim to treat you fair and give you service and prices that will make you a permanent customer. Fry & Comes.

One by One of All Classes.

Are discovering that our cleaning and pressing service represents completeness all our work is thoroughly done. We also handle a full line of Wear-You-Well Shoes, try them and you will be pleased. James T. Chisholm.

When it is Groceries Just

Make up that $10 order, bring it to us, and your money will stay in town. That will help some. Buy at home every time. Lindholm Cash Grocery.

We Use No Chemicals.

Or injurious acids in our Laundry pure soap and water does the business. We call and deliver to any part of the town. Boosters for Home Trade. Smethport Steam Laundry

We Want Every One in this Vicinity.

To know we will not be undersold in Boots and Shoes all our stock is standard goods, and, we believe in small profits, and quick sales. See us first. Repairing done while you wait. Anderson & Carlson

We Always Carry a full Line.

Of all kinds of fancy and staple groceries that will always be handled at a fair price. We don't believe in getting rich quick. We are ready to live and let live. Get our prices first. It will pay. W. W. Hewitt, Grocer.

Pure Drugs are Essential to

Health. Be sure they are pure. See us for all kinds of drugs. We carry full line of sundries, toilet articles, bathroom and sick room supplies. We are boosters for Home Trading. See us first. H. C. Wells, Druggist.

See Us and See Better.

Have you ever been examined by an authorized graduate of Optometrist. Now you are not taking any chances so come in and talk it over. Large line of Jewelry. Engstroms Jewelry and Optometrist.

Sunshine Cash Grocery Co.

For Saturday only

3 Puffed Wheat or Rice	25c
10 Soap (White Flyer)	48c
Minced Ham	24c
Sliced Dried Beef	15c
Boiled Ham	42c

MANY STILL LOVE TO BE HUMBUGGED

Seem Not to Mind Having "Something Put Over" on Them the Least Bit.

PINK PAJAMAS FOR SHIRT

Mail Order Houses Find It Easy to Make Substitutions Because of the Cost of Making Exchanges.

(Copyright.)

It was a famous American showman who declared that the American people love to be humbugged. That saying is many years old now but sometimes it seems that there is about as much truth in it now as there was when it was first uttered.

People as a rule do not like the idea of having "something put over" on them, but from the way in which the great mail order houses in the big cities flourish it seems that a great many people do not mind it a bit.

The business man who, when he gets a call for an article which he has not in stock, attempts to substitute some other article of a similar nature without telling the buyer of the substitution, is "putting something over" on his customer. Few retail merchants nowadays attempt to do a thing of that kind. The great majority of merchants do not do this for two reasons. One reason is that they wouldn't do it if they could and the other is that they couldn't do it if they would. The man who buys an article over the counter and sees what he is buying before he pays for it, is pretty sure to get what he wants.

Ordered Shirt, Got Pajamas.

But there is another class of merchants, of which the same thing cannot be said. A man who has been closely connected with some of the big mail order houses is authority for the statement that the heads of the various merchandise departments of many mail order houses have standing orders to substitute with the nearest thing they have if the articles ordered are not in stock and available for delivery. It is related that in one instance as a result of these instructions, a man who ordered a dress shirt from a mail order house received a pair of pink pajamas instead.

It is easy for the mail order house to get away with this substitution of another article for the one that is ordered for the reason that to exchange an article received from a catalogue house is a costly undertaking.

Exchanges Are Costly.

If a mail order buyer is disappointed in his purchase, as he is very apt to be when he compares the article upon its arrival with the picture and flowery description which appeared in the catalogue, the wisest plan is to take what he gets and make the best of it for every time he sends an article back to be exchanged, he is piling up the express or freight charges and even if the article is exchanged as requested, the buyer is not apt to fare much better on the second attempt.

The mail order houses are well aware of the fact that the majority of their customers will not go to the trouble and expense of returning an article if it does not come up to their expectations and as a result they can work the substitution game to their hearts' content.

The home merchant, however, cannot do business in this way and, as has been said, the majority of them would not do it if they could. The home merchant, if he has not the article called for, may offer another with the explanation that it is of the same quality as the one for which the customer asked. Good merchants nowadays even hesitate to offer something "just as good" to the customer especially when the article called for is one that has become well-known and popular through the advertising done by the manufacturer, but to attempt to make a substitution without the knowledge or consent of the customer! Well, it isn't being done by the local merchants today.

Substitution Made Easy.

Substitution is made easy for the mail order houses, also, by the fact that they do not sell much of what is known as "advertised" goods—that is, goods that have been thoroughly advertised by the manufacturers and have become nationally known through such advertising. A large part of the merchandise which the mail order houses sell purports to be manufactured by them—although in most cases little of it is made in their own plants. Much of this merchandise bears only the name of the mail order house and it is easy to substitute one article for another without the customer being any the wiser.

The methods of the home merchant naturally are different. With the great development of advertising in recent years much of the merchandise carried by the retail merchant is "advertised" goods. These goods are of familiar brands, the names of which have been made famous by the national advertising of the makers. This advertising is a distinct protection to the buyer for the latter knows when he goes into his local store and asks for an article of this kind that he will get just what he asks for if the merchant has it in stock and that he will be told if the article is not in stock. There is absolutely no opportunity for the merchant to "put one over" on him, even if the merchant had the inclination to do so.

THE BISETT SHOP

Is Headquarters in Smethport for Ladies and Children wear. Up-to-date millinery, fancy work and if it is nice dainty line of goods we have it on hand The Bisett Shop.

We are Always the First

to display the latest creations in Ladies Hats and Millinery. We keep in constant touch with Fashion large line of trimmed and untrimmed Hats on hand. Mrs. Clair White.

A Word to Farmers in This Section.

Get our prices first on your grain of all kinds. I pay highest market price and handle flour, Feed of all kinds. Let's deal together. F. A. Green.

Our Long and Successful

Business career in Smethport should be sufficient proof. We will as in the past continue in the future to sell you groceries at prices that will retain old trade and make new customers. F. W. Bownell, Grocer.

Never Send Out of Town

for groceries until you get our prices. We can compete with anyone, anywhere. Make us prove it. Boost for Home Trade—it will pay. The Colegrove Grocery.

Housewives of Smethport.

Just simply insist on having your bread orders come from Home Bakers. Don't use any outside baked goods. It hurts the town. Try our products. You will like them better J. W. Pickersgill —Bakery.

Get Our Prices First On

All kinds of Hardware, Paints, Oils, Chinaware, Guns, Ammunition and all kinds of Sporting Goods. You will find our prices and treatment right. Boost for Smethport and home trade. Bernard T. Garlick.

The Question of Buying.

at home largely depends upon Prices and Quality. You will find our large stock of general Dry Goods and Ladies [illegible] in every way. Get [illegible] prices. W. Masser Bros.

All F. [illegible] Look Alike in

a picture. Get our prices and terms on your furniture we stand back of everything we sell. Our prices will make you a home buyer. H. H. Sasse.

Never Send Away for Hardware

You will find our large assortment of Hardware, tools and farm implements of all kinds can be bought at Prices that will beat any catalogue House, we are boosters for Home Trade, buy at home it will pay us all. Chas. W. Masser.

ATTENTION, CLERMONT GOSSIPS.

In speaking of another's faults
Pray don't forget your own;
Remember, those with homes of glass
Should never throw a stone.
If we have nothing else to do
But talk of those who sin
'Tis better we commence at home,
And from that point begin.

We have no right to judge a man
Until he's fairly tried;
Should we not like his company
We know the world is wide.
Some may have faults—and who has not—
The old as well as young,
Perhaps we may for aught we know
Have fifty to their one.

I'll tell you of a better plan
And find it works quite well;
To try our own defects to cure
Before of others tell;
And though I sometimes hope to be
No worse than some I know,
My own shortcomings bid me let
The faults of others go.

Then let us all when we commence
To slander friend or foe,
Think of the harm one word may do
To those we little know.
Remember, curses sometimes, like
Our chickens, "roost at home,"
Don't speak of others' faults until
We have none of our own.

—Anonymous.

FOR RENT.

A furnished three room cottage. Inquire at 712 West Main St. adv

HOME ECONOMICS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS.

Since not all women an dgirls have the time and opportunity to attend a school of instruction along domestic science lines, we are going to hold a series of meetings in your community without one cent of cost. These meetings are being held in every county in the state under the direction of a committee of women from the different counties. In this county there are twelve women on your committee and they are responsible for the arrangement of these meetings. There will be demonstration work as well as lectures given by a lady instructor from the Pennsylvania State College.

There will be four sessions in each place and the time will be that stated below. In these sessions the following subjects will be discussed and demonstrated in the order in which they are named:

1. Grains and Grain Products.

2. Meat Savers and Meat Substitutes, Clothing and Selection and Use of Clothing Materials.

3. Fats, Sugars and Other Food Materials. The Use of the Foundation Pattern in Making Underclothing and Simple House Dresses.

4. Selection of Foods and Planning of Meals. Care and Repair of Clothing.

Meetings are as follows:

Jan. 31—Port Allegany, Grange hall, 7:30 p. m.

Feb. 1—Port Allegany, Grange hall, 2 p. m.

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Feb. 2—Port Allegany, Grange hall, 2 p. m.

Feb. 4—Smethport, basement of M. E. church, 2:30 p. m.

Feb. 5—Smethport, basement of M. E. church, 2:30 p. m.

Feb. 5—Smethport, basement of M. E. church, 7:30 p. m.

Feb. 6—Smethport, basement of M. E. church, 2:30 p. m.

Feb. 7—Bradford, Women's Club in Tide Water Co.'s building, South avenue, 10 a. m.

Feb. 7—Bradford, Women's Club, 2:30 p. m.

Feb. 8—Bradford, Women's Club, 10 a. m.

Feb. 8—Bradford, Women's Club, 1:30 p. m.

It will be worth more than your time to attend these meetings. Attend now for the opportunity may not come again. The success of these meetings depends entirely upon you.

Tell your neighbor about them and see that she goes.

Sheep and Wool Growers' Assn. for McKean County.

Since we have learned what the Dairymens' League has done and can do for the dairymen of McKean county we have deemed it wise to form a similar organization of the sheep men of McKean county. By organizing all those men in the county into a sheep and wool growers' association much can be done for the sheep industry in the county. But the biggest thing it will do is to secure for the dealer a much better price for the wool than were it to be sold by the individual farmer. This can be done by all of the men of the association selling the wool direct through a committee appointed by them. Watch the paper next week for the specified dates and places of meeting to organize the association.

LOCAL FARMERS TO GET NITRATE

Government to Sell Nitrate for Fertilizer Through County Agent.

Notice has been given to P. S. Crossman, agricultural agent for McKean county, that the U. S. Department of Agriculture will sell at cost a supply of nitrate of soda to farmers in McKean county.

The nitrate was purchased through War Industries Board under the authority of the Food Control Act as a part of the program for stimulating agricultural production. It will be unloaded at Atlantic ports and the price will be $75.50 a ton, free on board cars at port of arrival. Farmers are to pay in addition freight from port of arrival and the state fertilizer tag fee.

How to Obtain Nitrate.

Applications for a part of the 100,000 tons of nitrate bought by the government will be received only from actual farmers or owners or holders of farms for use on their land and may be made through County Agent P. S. Crossman or through any member of a local committee consisting of A. T. Larson, H. J. Dieter, Clarence Tubbs, George Richards, Fred King, C. J. Carey and Guy Nelson.

No money will be required with the application but upon notice from the county agent farmers who have signed applications must deposit with a local bank, association or individual, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to act as the farmers' agent for that purpose money to cover the cost of the fertilizer except the freight charge. After the money is transmitted to Washington the nitrate will be shipped to the farmers. If applications for the nitrate exceed the supply of about 100,000 tons the government will allot the supply on a pro rata basis among those who have applied. Applications must be received by February 4.

AUDITORS NOTICE.

In re Estate of Frank I. Conner, late of the Township of Keating, McKean County, Pa., deceased.

In the Orphans' Court of McKean County, No. 13, December Term, 1917.

Appointed auditor to distribute the balance in the hands of the administratrix, as shown by first and final account, I will attend to the duties of my appointment at my office at Smethport, in said county, on Saturday, February 16, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time and place all parties having claims or demands against said estate shall present the same or be debarred from participating in said fund. C. W. SHATTUCK, Auditor.

Smethport, Pa.

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McKean County Miner

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One has to make some rapid revisions in his opinions in these stirring days. Only a few weeks ago through skillful manipulation of its publicity machinery the Democratic administration was pointing out the baneful effects of German influence through its spy system in hampering the carrying out of our war program. But the average American is rapidly becoming convinced that the greatest peril this country faces is not the German influence but the menace of Democratic inefficiency. It is becoming more apparent every day that there are a number of friends of the chief in Washington who are not big enough for their jobs. There is more than a suspicion that their smallness is being used to magnify the so-called "greatness" of the big boss by the promoters of Democratic propoganda, which has as its object the control of political affairs large and small in the United States for years to come. However the frequency with which these little fellows are "spilling the beans" is putting an awful crimp in that program; but it is rough on Mr. Average American just the same. He is going to remember it with a vengeance and when the opportunity arises there will be a "housecleaning" in Washington that will be remembered for the next century.

Here are a few reasons why the Kaiser is doomed to certain defeat that have come under our personal observation. With the war thousands of miles away, these examples of the American spirit bode extreme disaster to to an enemy that brings it any nearer. A five-year-old girl gives up a new dress and uses her dollar to join the Red Cross; she is also lending her pennies to Uncle Sam in the purchase of thrift stamps. A great-grandmother, more than 90 years old, spends her declining days skillfully knitting sweaters for the soldier boys she loves so well. A mother cheerfully (perhaps a little tearfully) sends her four sons into the army with the wish she had four more to send. A young lady urging her sweetheart, just over the draft age, to go to the colors. And then dozens of rich men, poor men, doctors, lawyers, merchants, clergymen; the butcher, the baker and—no, personally we don't know one candlestick maker that has answered the call—all have left home, churches, business and society to cast their lots with Uncle Sam. The spirit of '76 has never lost its "pep." America is marching on.

Why doesn't the local Red Cross chapter start a membership drive and add an additional thousand to its membership? The Red Cross is the real great civilian branch of the army and deserves attention every hour of the day. It is the agent of humanity; it looks after the physical well-being of the soldier and his family. In all the drives and campaigns the Red Cross should receive first consideration. These men have to be attended to physically to make them ready to be saved spiritually. Their health and comfort is surely as important as their moral and social welfare. They have to be kept alive in order to be entertained. So the Red Cross should come FIRST. The MINER is more than willing to contribute its services at any time to the advancement of Red Cross interests.

Despite the fact that the eastern part of the country is furnishing a great majority of the men and a greater majority of the money; that it is keeping the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. at their work of mercy; that it stands willing to make supreme sacrifices on the altar of liberty—if there are any "slams" to be handed out by the people in power it is the East that gets them. The reason is not far to seek. It will be remembered that the states comprising what is generally known as the East declared rather emphatically against the selection of Mr. Wilson as president in November, 1916. The South, in which his old home town is located, and the West, which voted for him on the fallacy that he was "keeping us out of war," are apparently reaping the reward of their "loyalty."

The Monday closing order was generally obeyed in Smethport as it will continue to be on the following nine Mondays. While it is a farce, purely and simply, so far as saving fuel is concerned, there seems to be no hope that Smethport will be exempted from this order. The MINER office will run no machinery on the days specified but as the building has to be kept heated at all times to prevent the water pipes from freezing, the business office will be open on those days. The gas that may possibly be saved in Smethport cannot be piped elsewhere under existing conditions, so to sum up the whole matter in Smethport, a number of people are put to great inconvenience; many are made to suffer a financial loss; several concerns must make up the time lost or stop doing business—and the fuel supply of the country is not benefitted in the remotest degree.

Here is another way to make life more enjoyable for our boys in the training camps: "Smileage books" containing tickets of admission to the shows given at the army cantonments and the National Guard camps soon will be placed on sale throughout the country, and during the week of January 28 an intensive campaign to sell as many as possible will be conducted by the Commission on Training Camp Activities. Here will be afforded the folks at home a chance to contribute to the pleasure of the boys in camp. The "smileage books" will contain 20 or 100 coupons and will sell for $1 and $5, respectively. These shows are given by the best talent in the country and some of the excellent performers among the enlisted men are also brought into organization. It is explained that "smileage" means a continuation of smiles.

The Woman's Suffrage amendment is listed to receive the attention of the Senate today and while enthusiastic friends of the measure say they are confident of success, there is going to be a bitter fight. The preponderance of Democratic sentiment in that body seems to argue ill against the passage of the measure, despite the fact that the President has recently seen a great light—which was not diminished any in brilliancy when the returns came in from New York state last fall. However, the Senate's action on the matter, if unfavorable, should cause no great discouragement. State by state is enfranchising the women as voters and there is no reason to believe that this movement will not continue until every state in the Union, with the exception of the solid South, has given its women their just dues.

Last week the MINER sold 165 pounds of waste paper which represented only a few days' accumulation and it is almost safe to say that 140 pounds of that junk was publicity stuff sent out by the Democratic Mutual Admiration Society now in control of affairs at Washington. The MINER is no more favored with this grade of garbage than any other of the thousands of newspapers in the United States, and the tremendous cost of the total is almost breath-taking. One Washington department unblushingly admits to spending $316,000 the past fiscal year for its portion of the tremendous aggregate. Well, the MINER received 14 cents for 140 pounds of it, but is willing to refund at least 50 per cent. of that amount providing the said D. M. A. S. cuts us off their mailing list.

Some persons are disposed under the influence of the terrible world's war now raging to belittle the conflict of '61 to '65, and say that the dangers soldiers face today are much greater than in those days more than half a century ago. This may be true—but just the same it required a similar brand of courage to charge across an open field into a hell of flying bullets and waiting steel as it takes today to go "over the top." Men were killed just as dead in those days as they are today.

There is a certain piffling Prussianism about the style that some of the department heads at Washington adopt in the carrying out of their notions that is very liable to get them into trouble. They are not dealing with Russians or Belgians and this fact may be brought home to them most forcibly in the near future when they wake up some morning minus their autocratic jobs.

The men wanted for the Motor Mechanics corps, now being recruited, of which extensive mention was made last week, must be from 18 to 21 years of age, or from 31 to 40. This statement is made to correct the supposition that men within the draft ages can enter this branch of the service.

Don't forget the "Smileage Book" campaign the week commencing Monday, December 28. Give the boys some genuine enjoyment.

CAN CHINA BE INDEPENDENT?

Entrance Into Great World War Is Viewed From Different Angles by Editors.

Much division of opinion exists in Japan regarding China's declaration of war against Germany, says the East and West News. Japan took the final step for two reasons: First, the Anglo-Japanese alliance, and, second, a deep-founded belief in the necessity for solidarity of the far eastern powers. The Osaka Asahi is strongly opposed to China's participation in the world's war. It says: "China decided to take the step on the arrival of Vice-President Feng Kuo-chang at Pekin. Nothing could be more regrettable than for an independent nation to be forced by others to do anything it doesn't want to do. The national existence of any nation that yields to coercion or undue persuasion is imperiled! Some people regarded Japan's declaration of war against Germany merely from the viewpoint of the alliance with England, but we favored Japan's dominance in this part of the Pacific."

The editor of the Asahi wants to know what Feng Kuo-chang meant when he favored a declaration of war by China against Germany, but objected strenuously to joining the entente powers. "Does he mean that, like the United States, China's declaration of war shall be a separate act?" asks the Asahi. "The grave fact is that her present course was forced upon her. Whether she joins the entente or not matters little for the present. The serious question is, can China be independent from now onward?"

"GESUNDHEIT" — THEN WOE

Citizen of German Origin, Patriotic to Last Ditch, Makes a Disastrous Blunder.

This little story, which appears to be an orphan, is now going around:

"I'm going to the patriotic meeting this evening," said the citizen of German origin.

"No," said the wife, "you musn't go. You'll get into trouble, sure."

But he went, despite her remonstrance. Just before midnight, on the last street car, he stumbled into his domicile. The good wife was sitting up for him.

When he appeared his eyes were black and blue, his face was scratched and puffed, his collar had been torn from his shirt and he looked as though he had been rolled in the dirt.

"Ah," said the wife, "I told you not to go to that meeting, that something would happen to you."

"It was not at the meeting," explained the husband. "The meeting was all right. There were three speeches, and, like everybody else, I applauded everyone of them. The band played the "Star-Spangled Banner." Everybody stood up. So did I.

"It was after the meeting. I was coming home on the street car. The car was crowded. Then a woman on the car sneezed and I said 'Gesundheit!' Then everything happened."

WANTED.

Teams to haul chemical wood. Work for all winter. Good wages, board in town. James Manufacturing Co., Kane, Pa. adv.3w3.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF CHARTER.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Manufacture Gas Company, for a Certificate of Public Convenience, evidencing the Commission's approval of an amendment of its charter, by the enlargement of territory within which the Company may produce, mine, purchase, or otherwise procure, store and transport natural gas for light, heat or power, or other purposes, and including all rights and privileges necessary or convenient therefor, so as to include all of the territory embraced in the Counties of Clearfield, Indiana, Armstrong, Clarion, Forest, Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Butler and Warren, in the State of Pennsylvania.

The public hearing on which will be held in he rooms of the Commission at Harrisburg on the 6th day of February, 1918, at 9:30 a. m., when and where all persons in interest may appear and be heard if they so desire.

DAVID F. MITCHELL, Solicitor,
1002 Columbia Bank Bldg.,
adv.2w. Pittsburgh, Pa.

ESTATE OF ALMEDA NICHOLS.

Late of McKean County, Pennsylvania, Deceased.

Letters of Administration c t a on the above Estate having been granted by the Register of Wills of said County of McKean to Sheridan Gorton of Smethport Borough in the County aforesaid, request is hereby made to all persons having claims or demands against the estate of said Decedent to immediately make known the same, and all persons indebted to the said Decedent to make payment thereof, to the said Administrator, without delay.

SHERIDAN GORTON,
Smethport, Pa. Administrator c t a
303 West Main Street.
January 12th, 1918. advdt

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ARE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SHOD FOR ALL KINDS OF WEATHER—
Deep Snow, Icy Walks, Mud and Slush, Rain and the various other kinds that make up our climate? Come in and see us for footwear that suits the weather.

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Anderson & Carlson THE SHOE MEN

SHARPLES
famous Suction-Feed
Skims clean at any Speed
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The only separator that skims clean whether you turn it fast or slow. Saves $40 to $60 a year extra, due to this wonderful Suction-feed feature (the feed varies with the speed). Has other fine advantages—no discs to wash, knee-low supply tank, ball bearing, etc. Over one million users. Come in and see it work.
CHAS. W. MASSER HARDWARE

THAT BETTER BIT

You'll always find our goods a "bit better." We pride ourselves on the excellence of every commodity handled. It will not take you long to discover that better bit—and it is not secured by added price.

THE COLEGROVE GROCERY
The Store with many years' reputation for fair and square dealing.

A WAR TIME NECESSITY.
TOILET ARTICLES
YOU WILL FIND THE BEST LINE IN TOWN HERE.
Bring your family prescriptions here to be carefully and Accurately Filled
WELLS' DRUG STORE
SMETHPORT, PA.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE GRANGE NATIONAL BANK OF McKEAN COUNTY, AT SMETHPORT, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DEC. 31, 1917.

	Resources.		
1 a	Loans and Discounts (except those shown on b and c)	355,956.76	
	Total loans	355,956.76	
f	Foreign Bills of Exchange or Drafts sold with indorsement of this bank, not shown under Item d above (see Item 57c)		355,956.76
2	Overdrafts secured, $——; unsecured $61.51		61.51
b	U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value)	100,000.00	
	Total U. S. bonds (other than Liberty bonds) and certificates of indebtedness		100,000.00
d	a. Liberty Loan Bonds, unpledged, 3½ per cent and 4 per cent	31,750.00	
	b Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½ per cent, pledged to secure U. S. deposits	2,000.00	
	d Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½ per cent and 4 per cent pledged to secure State or other deposits or bills payable		33,750.00
	b Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits	2,000.00	
e	Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	61,618.75	
f	Collateral Trust and other notes of corporations issued for not less than ONE YEAR nor more than THREE YEAR'S time	10,814.38	
	Total bonds, securities, etc.		74,453.13
9	Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		3,000.00
10	a. Value of banking house	20,000.00	
	b Equity in banking house		20,000.00
11	Furniture and fixtures		7,200.00
13	Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		37,075.54
15	Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks		48,993.62
18	Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting banks (other than Item 17)		1,060.94
	Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18	48,054.56	
20	Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		5,000 00
	Total		688,481.50
	Liabilities.		
23	Capital Stock paid in		$100,000 00
24	Surplus fund		$30,000.00
25	a. Undivided profits	6,980.50	
	b. Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid		6,980.50
26	Circulating notes outstanding		100,000.00
33	Individual deposits subject to checks		142,231.61
34	Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 Days (other than for money borrowed)		176,442.51
36	Cashier's checks outstanding		545.30
39	Dividends unpaid		30.30
	Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40	319,266.72	
43	Postal savings deposits		626.15
44	Other time deposits		131,258.28
	Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 41, 42, 43, and 44	131,884.43	
45	United States deposits (other than postal savings):		
	b War savings deposit certificate and thrift stamp account	330.85	
	c other United States deposits, including deposits of U. S. disbursing officers		330.85
	Total		688,481.50

State of Pennsylvania, } ss:—
County of McKean, }

I, E. E. Drake, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. E. DRAKE, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of January, 1918.

R. R. MAYO,
Notary Public.
(My commission expires Feb. 21, 1921).

CORRECT ATTEST:
E. A. STUDHOLME,
T. F. HINCKVILLE,
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Directors

STANDARD PATTERNS Ladies, Children Shoes

MASSER BROTHERS CO.

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Smethport, Pa.

JANUARY WHITE SALE

Germantown Knitting Yarn

By the Pound.

$3.85

A FEW HOUSEHOLD HELPS

The new Sprustex Oil Mop, is an excellent value at 75c and $1.00. Corresponds with others that sell for $1.00 and $1.25. Mops can be renewed.

THE SENSIBLE POT CLEANER.

Cleans pots, pans, and all other kitchen utensils, from grease or scorch without the use of soap or powder. Sells at 10 cents.

WRIGHTS SILVER CREAM

will clean most everything in the house, besides being an excellent silver polish.

8 oz Jar for 25 cents

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Smethport, Thursday, Jan. 24, 1918.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Buy a "Smileage Book" next week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milroy are the happy parents of a baby girl, born last Sunday.

—These workless Mondays are simply going to raisbl with getting out a weekly paper on time.

—Mrs. Helen S. Morrison entertained the Twentieth Century Bridge club Tuesday afternoon.

—William Evans, who has been a patient in the Bradford hospital came home Wednesday night.

—Mrs. R. E. Burdick entertained the Auction Bridge club at a 1 o'clock luncheon Wednesday afternoon.

—A service flag containing twenty stars is now displayed at St. Luke's parish house. These young men are all members of the church here, and six of them are now officers.

—The pupils of the Gallup school of which Miss Kleisath is teacher have recently purchased a new flag and staff and Old Glory now floats to the breeze over their schoolhouse.

—"The horse is mightier than the Ford"—sometimes. This is the verdict after witnessing a race Thursday between Holmes & Gilfillan's team and an automobile in which the horses were entirely victorious.

—On page three today will be found the Buy-at-Home department which should receive your attention every week. The Farm Bureau has some excellent articles on that page, which we are endeavoring to make one of the most interesting in the paper.

—The Travelers Club will have a luncheon Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 27, at 1 o'clock, to celebrate its 26th birthday. The guests of honor will be Miss Wells, a member of the Travelers Club Sextette. The luncheon will be followed by a thimble party, games etc. The committee is as follows: Miss Mae Choate, Mrs. T. H. Purtle, Mrs. M. S. Geary, Mrs. E. E. Heath.

—There will be a meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the Red Cross rooms next Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

—Reports from soldiers in the southern training camps this week have told of weather so cold that the oldest inhabitant does not remember its equal.

—Camp Dix is ready to accommodate 10,000 more young men from New York state. These young men had already been called, but the crowded condition of the camp caused a delay in their reporting for military training.

—We are informed that Earl Lyman's address was incorrectly given last week. It should have read 2nd Regt., Motor Mechanics, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. According to letters received by his mother, Mrs. Fred Lyman, of this place, the young man is much pleased with his life as a soldier.

—Cameron county leads all the counties of the state east of the Alleghenies in the sales of war savings stamps per capita. The sales thus far abulated show purchases amounting to ninety-four cents worth of stamps for each man, woman and child in the county.

—A local committee for the sale of "Smileage Books" for the purpose of furnishing first class entertainments for soldiers in the training camps, will have these books on sale commencing next Monday, January 28. The "Smileage book" idea is explained more fully on another page.

—The County Public Safety Committee requests us to announce that a recruiting station for the army is now open in Brafdord at the postoffice building, Private Ritz in charge. Men who want to join the Motor Mechanics's regiment will be recruited there. Applicants must be from 18 to 40 years of age, but not of the draft age.

—Walter C. Daly has purchased the grocery business of George Morrison, conducted in Mr. Daly's building at the corner of Mill and Mechanic streets. It is Mr. Daly's intention to carry a full line of staple and fancy groceries and he will be pleased to see his many customers who patronized him in past years when he was a merchant in Smethport. Mr. Daly advertises his stock in today's MINER and your attention is directed thereto.

—Rev. G. A. Pihlblad, pastor of the Swedish Mission church, is home, and will hold services as usual next Sunday.

—George H. Denning is confined to his home on East Main street suffering with grip and a slight attack of pneumonia.

—Mr. Cover, the income tax man, arrived in town Wednesday and established his office in the library at the court house and will be here until Saturday. He is going to keep his office open evenings to accommodate those who wish to talk with him.

—The P. H. C. have placed a service flag in the lodge room containing nine stars representing the number of members of the Circle who are now serving their country. It is expected other stars will be added in the space provided. C. M. Colegrove has been appointed local deputy of Smethport Circle and has received his commission.

—The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Charles Freeman Tuesday afternoon, January 22. There was a fine attendance and several instructive articles were read from the W. C. T. U. annual report book by Mrs. Balz, Mrs. Spanogle, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Iddings. Other articles on the temperance question among our soldiers were read by Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Lyle and Mrs. Averill. The meeting then adjourned to meet again in two weeks with Mrs. William Evans.

—The Redfield Printery is one of Smethport's industries that needs all the days there is in the week to keep up with its work and consequently feels the effect of the Monday shutdown. This publishing house employs 76 people for a good share of the time and would employ more if there was room enough in the plant to accommodate them. The last month's edition of the Boys' Magazine totalled 187,000, and as the circulation is constantly growing it would seem that it will be but a short time before the size of the plant will have to be greatly increased.

—William H. Cover, of Pittsburgh, sperint agent of the bureau of internal revenue, will be at the court house from Wednesday until Saturday, Jan. 23 to 26, inclusive, to assist in filing returns as required by the new income tax law. Mr. Cover is sent to Smethport by Uncle Sam in connection with the campaign to educate people in provisions of the new law. Under the new law, single persons having a minimum net income of $1,000 and married persons having a minimum separate or joint income of $2,000, are required to make return on the amount of their income for 1917. Mr. Cover will be pleased to meet persons who have never made income tax returns, as Uncle Sam is especially desirous of assisting them. Persons consulting Mr. Cover are requested to have detailed information of income and expenses.

—The Shinglehouse High School basketball team will be the opponents of the Smethport High School boys at the Lyceum tomorrow night (Friday). These teams are pretty evenly matched and a hot contest is promised. A preliminary by the married men and single men's teams of Smethport also should prove exciting. The High School athletic committee are rather disappointed because their games are not receiving larger attendances, and certainly wish the people in general would take more of an interest in their affairs. The boys and girls are doing their best to furnish interesting contests and it does seem as though their efforts should receive more encouragement. Let every basketball fan get someone else to go along and make Friday night's crowd the largest of the season. 8:15 is the time. Everybody invited and expected to come.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. M. L. Bisett is visiting friends in Olean.

E. W. Strong was a Bradford visitor yesterday.

C. R. Gallup has returned from a visit in Bradford.

M. Eunice Colegrove spent Thursday in Bradford.

Capt. M. M. Gillette visited his home here yesterday.

Mrs. T. H. Purtle was an Olean visitor Thursday last.

G. I. Davis of Colegrove was in town Friday and made this office a pleasant call.

Miss Ruth Jones was a guest of Miss Inez Daly of Kane for a few days recently.

Mrs. Thomas A. Morrison and Miss Ruth Walker were Bradford visitors Saturday.

Lieut. Everett Chadwick of the U. S. A. Medical Corps is visiting his home here this week.

Attorney H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett was a caller at the MINER office while in town Monday.

Mrs. E. A. Hoffman and daughter, Miss Eva Hoffman, were visitors in Bradford Saturday.

Mrs. A. W. Mitchell of Erie attended the funeral of the late Lewis Marks in this place Saturday.

Mrs. H. J. Whelan and grandsons, William and Fenton, spent from Friday until Monday in Olean.

T. H. Morrison and C. M. Colegrove are in Bradford today (Thursday) attending a hearing in the matter of the Jackson avenue paving.

Miss Blanche Hartnett, Marion Warren and Rena Boyer attended the basketball game at Kane Friday night.

John Engstrom and Mrs. Sam Samuelson and son, Dick, of Jamestown were guests of Adolph Engstrom from Wednesday until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Studholme and daughters, Margaret and Mary, were visitors of Mrs. Studholme's mother, Mrs. J. A. Holder, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper and daughter, Miss Anna Cooper, visited Bradford Saturday, en route to their home at Tupper Lake, N. Y.

Mrs. M. C. Barker attended an opening display of hats, conducted by Gage Brothers of New York, at the Hotel Holley in Bradford this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. King returned Thursday from Scottsdale, Pa., where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. David P. Rhea.

Prof. J. E. Entz and wife of Smethport accompanied by Prof. G. E. Zerfoss attended the basketball game Friday evening.—Coudersport Enterprise.

Miss Marion Gallup came home last week from Mechanics' Institute, Rochester, N. Y., where she is a senior. The Institute has been closed for an indefinite period on account of fuel shortage.

Among the visitors at the Buffalo automobile show this week were Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Garlick, Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Backus and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Brasted.

JUST FACTS

The value of Hawaii's pineapple crop is only exceeded by the island's sugar product.

It is estimated that the gross delivery expense of retail grocers in the country is over $75,000,000 a year.

In 1914 there were in this country but five companies undertaking to produce antline dyestuffs; and now there are eighty engaged in this business.

The shoe export trade of this country will be hit by the establishment of a great shoe factory at Punta Arenas, Chile, which will be equipped with the most modern mechanical devices.

Besides the nuts used in confection, the Indian cashew tree yields an insect repelling gum, a juice that makes indelible ink and three kinds of oil, one edible, the others used to tan fishing nets and preserve wood.

Families of three persons constitute 19 per cent of the total number and are the most numerous in England; families of four make up 18 per cent, families of five 14 per cent, and families of six 10 per cent of the total population.

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CARRIE'S BIG WEDDING FEAST

Father Remembers His Days of Despair When He Invites Guests for the Sumptuous Repast.

Twenty years ago Max Gootschneider landed in New York with a slim young wife a baby girl that could just toddle, $30 in money and a hopeful disposition The first few weeks in the strange America was a period of such forlorn and homesick misery that Max never forgot them

And so when Max and Mrs Max, no longer slim, sat in their fine house discussing the details of a celebration which might be suitable to signalize the engagement of the only daughter of a prosperous furrier to marry a rich young diamond merchant Max had an idea, says the Cincinnati Times-Star

"Mamma" he said "you remember when we landed in New York—you and Carrie our baby, and me? You remember how it was for us then? Well we shall give a feast for our daughter, Carrie and her young man but we will give it to the people who are now like we were then Our friends are happy They are not hungry. They are not sorrowful because there is no one to cheer them up—They do not need a feast like the poor people that have come from the old country Those are the people who shall enjoy our Carrie's wedding feast"

And so the feast was given away down in East Broadway, in the building which is occupied by the Hebrew Immigrants' Sheltering Aid society, and which overflows nowadays with hundreds of misery stricken people from the countries at war in Europe

There was a room where 150 persons could eat at once As soon as one crowd of 150 had finished another came in There were no invitations and no red tape Max and Mrs Max and the pretty Carrie and her proud husband to be stood at the door and smilingly welcomed all who came There was chicken and duck and goose and gefilite fish And everyone was welcome to all of everything

Even the kids who stealthily pilfered goodies were urged to pilfer more And the feast brought joy and good cheer to a thousand people who are homeless in a strange land And the spirit of kindliness so permeated it all that Mamma Gootschneider now and then was compelled to wipe away a sympathetic tear And after it was all over Papa Gootschneider declared that his undying regret would be that he had only one daughter to give a wedding feast for

Precious Gold

Since the beginning of the war the nations of Europe have sent quantities of gold to our shores So as far as gold is concerned we are richer than ever before, comments a financial exchange But gold, except that portion of it which is made into gold foil or used for gilding or made into jewelry, or otherwise employed in the arts, has no value in itself Gold in general is only a symbol of value, of use for buying, and if the goods are not at hand to be bought, the gold is valueless. You cannot eat it or drink it, you cannot warm yourself with it As a financial writer said the other day, 'If gold were to be discovered in the same quantities in which copper is found it would be as beautiful and as useful in the arts and sciences as before, but we should have to stop using it for money You would need 30 pounds of it to buy a pair of shoes, and the price of the shoes would be about $7 50"

Washington Ate Hoe Cakes.

There was no wheat shortage in America when George Washington was a wealthy Virginia planter, before the Revolution yet that eminent patriot set an example in the conservation of flour which citizens of today would do well to follow, says an exchange

What is not essential to a satisfying meal the food administrator points out Corn is an excellent substitute The following excerpt from Irving's "Life of Washington" is interesting now in view of the agitation for a wholesome diet

"He was an early riser, often before daybreak in the winter when the nights were long He breakfasted at seven in summer, at eight in winter Two small cups of tea and three or four cakes of Indian meal (called hoe cakes) formed his frugal repast"

It is said that even in the days of plenty big spreads were an infrequent occurrence in the Washington home.

Lesson in Thorough Bass.

The use of the word "stuff" in the president's Thanksgiving proclamation, comments the Brooklyn Eagle, furnishes the discord needed to emphasize the harmony of the flowing rhetoric In effect the president says "We are the stuff" If our enemies twist it we shall not care James G Blaine was called the "plumed knight by Ingersoll, and it passed for a fine compliment, but Blaine thought it suggested the "white feather." If the president thinks his boys are the stuff, we shall all agree with him Here's where the kaiser gets a lesson in thorough bass.

Wise Bertie

Mamma—Oh, Bertie, here you are again all covered with mud from head to foot.

Bertram (in tears)—It isn't my fault I was sailing on a plank, when Willie Meigs gave me a push, and over I went

Mamma—Well what are you crying so about? Is it painful to be covered with mud?

Bertram—No, it ain't; but I thought that if I came in laughing you would whip me.

TAKE CHANCE ON HAPPINESS

Grasp the Mood as It Passes and Join the Great Throng Wearing Smiling Countenances.

We were coming home from a dinner party together my friend and I It was late at night and rather rainy and as we sat together in the damp almost empty trolley car my friend spoke very suddenly and seriously writes Margaret E Sangster in the Christian Herald

'Just now" she said "I've a chance to be very happy. But I'm almost afraid to take it!"

The rain beat in a futile manner against the car windows I listened to it for a moment before I spoke

"Why?" I questioned at last—"why are you afraid to take your chance—to be happy?"

"Because" answered my friend and her eyes looked far away—past the car and the rain even—'because I'm afraid that it won't last!"

When it is autumn and the leaves are crimson and gold colored and very beautiful, we know, even as we admire them, that they will be brown and withered some day But that does not keep us from loving their glorious colors

It's like that too with flowers and springtime, and the blue sky of summer We know that the flowers will fade away and that springtime will go and that there will be winter storm clouds where there were once sparkles of sun

And so this is the answer to my friend and to other friends of mine

Never be afraid to grasp at happiness because it may not last For happiness is as beautiful as the flowers of spring and the sky of summer and the vivid leaves of autumn And even though it might not last happiness is too beautiful to pass by with never a glance

And then as the philosopher said and as we know don't be sure as you take your chance at happiness that it will not stay Look around your circle of friends look at your business associates look at the casual crowds that you pass every day and you'll see that the average of happy faces is rather high You'll see more smiles I think than frowns, more merry faces than sad ones'

Don't be afraid to take a chance at happiness because you fear that it is too beautiful to last Take your chance instead arguing that happiness is too beautiful not to last!

A Baseball Philosopher.

Sentiment plays most of the strings in this little musical instrument of a world, says a writer in an exchange

I didn't see any of the world's series baseball games held in New York and Chicago But my heart was quite a loud beating affair each day in the Bleachers And it was beating for the Chicago White Sox

I'll tell you why

The head heart and owner of the Chicago White Sox is Charlie Comiskey They call him the old Roman One day an important game was on and his great Chicago park was crowded with something like a $30 000 crowd Then old Pluvius got busy and started dumping wetness in torrents onto the park

It looked bad So bad that one of Comiskey's friends hunted him out and worried like in excitement, exclaimed 'Comiskey, do you think it's going to stop?'

'It always has" replied "the old Roman

No wonder the White Sox won the world's series

Fundamental.

He looked at his wrist watch

Will you marry me?' he said She blushed

'There is really no time to lose You see I have only 24 hours notice I must report at headquarters tomorrow at nine We sail for France in three days Will you marry me?'

'I don't mind' she said "Only—I should like to make one condition."

"And this is?"

"I have dreamed for years of getting married, but not in this way But I will marry you if—when you return—you will propose to me all over again and we can go on a honeymoon and I can be courted, and—well, you know, I am sure!'

"All right" he said with a smile 'To be honest with you, dearest, I thought I was going to escape all that—but I see it's no use. I might have known better. Even a war like this cannot keep a woman from having her own way—especially about a wedding"—Life

How Much Does He Save?

A professional man says it costs about 7 cents a mile to run his auto This includes oil, wear and tear, insurance and upkeep generally. Once a week he drives to the country and buys supplies, butter, eggs, chickens, apples potatoes, etc Sometimes he covers 50 miles on a trip Thus according to his own estimates, his expense would be fully $3.50 for the 50 miles If he buys eggs at 5 cents a dozen, butter at 5 cents a pound, chickens at 4 cents a pound cheaper than he can buy them in the city—and he buys them merely for his own family use—how much does he save?—Indianapolis News.

His Case

"I know a man who knows perfectly how to manage a wife in every particular"

'He may know how, but does he do it?"

"No, because they won't let him out of the insane asylum long enough to try."

OLE BULL'S COLONY

Norwegian's Dream of Model Home Now Scene of Ruin.

Recalls Misplaced Confidence and Made All the More Tragic Because of Splendid Ideals.

Only the ruin of the villa "Valhalla' remains of the ill fated Norwegian colony established by Ole Bull in Pennsylvania in the late '50s The story of the colony, says the Kansas City Times, is one of misplaced confidence, made all the more tragic because of the splendid ideals that led to its establishment

The great Norwegian violinist, always an admirer of America, wished to obtain a location for a model colony of his countrymen He bought a thousand acres of a firm of land dealers and soon afterward brought to this country several hundred Norwegians A clearing was made, the village of Oleana built and, in an address to the townspeople, Ole Bull set forth the hopes that had inspired his mission

The address follows

"Brothers of Norway! From the clime where the north wind has its home, where the maelstrom roars, and where the aurora for half the year takes the place of the genial sun, we have come to find a home When we were among our mountains, and war was bringing want and famine upon us, we heard there was a country in a milder climate where liberty dwelt and plenty reigned Upon looking over our records, we found that our countrymen, under Thorfin, had discovered that land more than eight hundred years ago, but that they were met by cruel and savage Indians, and had left no record of themselves except some traces of their sad history engraven in the rocks of Fall river, and one temple, which they raised to God on an island at the mouth of Narragansett bay All other record of them had passed away

'How different is our reception from that which Thorfin and his followers received No savage Indian startles us with his war whoop but kind friends meet us on every side, taking us by the hand and giving us welcome to our new home

'Brothers of Norway! We must not disappoint this confidence, but by lives of industry and honesty show to our new brothers that they have not misplaced their friendship

"And now, to these gentlemen of New York and Pennsylvania, who have so kindly assisted by their counsel and advice in this work, I return my most sincere and heartfelt thanks and casting ourselves upon the goodness of our heavenly Father resting secure upon his promise, let us go on in the daily performance of every duty, and he will bless us."

There was a pathetic aftermath Hardly had the pioneers got well under way with their home building when it was discovered that the promoter had been victimized The company that sold him the land had no valid title to it The people of Oleana scattered some of them penniless and with few friends in the new country Ole Bull with splendid loyalty to those he had brought to this pass gave public concerts to raise money for their relief

A Pacifist.

The newcomer had hardly seated himself in the railway compartment before he began to talk, relates London Tit Bits 'I am a pacifist, said he in a voice as if he wanted to disarm all interruption 'If we can't beat the enemy in three years it's time we started waving the olive branch instead of the sword"

Just then a severe feminine face inserted itself at the carriage window Is there a John Tamson here? Aye, there he is Cam oot o' that an kin' carriage ye heathen, before I tak yo by the lug Dae ye think your wife's a haddie for the curin'?'

John Tamson left, and the astonished silence which followed was broken by one passenger remarking' 'Puir fellow, nae wunner he's a pacifist It's mair nor three years o' war he's had, I'm thinkin'"

A Handy Utensil.

"The soldiers in the trenches wear gas masks, and near the front the French children go to school with them on," mused a citizen of Periwinkle, who was of unusual width betwixt the eyes observes the Kansas City Star. "I believe if I could get hold of a practicable gas mask I would wear it to the town hall tonight, where the handbills announce that Hon Braggin Blow will talk on the patriotic duties of the hour, but where in reality he will with many words permit us to learn the glad news that at the earnest solicitation of his many friends he has reluctantly consented to become a candidate for re-election to congress."

The Smallest Cartoon.

A certain small boy has drawn a caricature picture of President Wilson upon a single grain of corn He spent about a half hour in doing the work, for which he used water colors says Christian Science Monitor It is said that some time ago he drew a similar picture upon a single grain of corn and upon sending his work to the president he received an appreciative acknowledgment from Washington This is believed to be the smallest cartoon picture in the world for it measures only about a quarter of an inch in the longest direction. The likeness is in profile.

Buttons

"Come here" cried the mother of the family severely "Is that a pin I see in the front of your blouse? How many times must I tell you Caroline to sew on buttons and hooks and never never pin yourself together! Sometimes I wish there wasn't such a thing as a pin in the world!"

"Huh!" sniffed Caroline "Just one little pin—and you can hardly see it! I don't see why you make such a fuss"

"No doubt" said the father of the family, bursting into the conversation "you don't, but there is a great and basic truth underlying your mother's frantic efforts to save you The truth is that men don't like girls who use pins instead of needles and thread Men like peace and quiet and solid dependable surroundings and it upsets them frightfully to be made nervous and harried.

"A girl who pins herself together certainly is not dependable

"For instance" continued the father of the family, "I was terribly in love with a girl when I was an exceedingly young man I think I was about nineteen and I was merely filling in the time until your mother came along when I was twenty five and had attained horse sense

"The minute I laid eyes on Isabel surrounded six deep by my friends I knew I had met my fate She was one of these ethereal floaty sort of creatures who you expected would flit away on a moonbeam or something like that There always were lacy scarfs and tulle wisps and ribbons waving about Isabel and she was a regular dainty little creature—to look at. Yet the boys seemed to forget their fondness for her very quickly They would say oh yes Isabel was a nice enough girl and awfully pretty—but have you seen the new girl who has just moved in around Hopkins street in the house with the cupola?

Invariably after being in love with Isabel they would return instinctively to strictly tall proud young women It was because the tall proud kind absolutely don't use pins That was the trouble with Isabel That girl literally pinned herself together and she had a special brand of pins without any heads on them judging from the way they showed out she would start out at a dance looking like a fluffy angel with a white tulle scarf draped around her shoulders and at the end of the first waltz her partner would have to do a football dive under the ironshod feet of his friends in order to rescue the draggled remains of that tulle

'I never knew another girl who hated buttons so thoroughly as did Isabel At first you wouldn't notice that she had carefully stuck a pin in at each spot where a forlorn buttonhole waited patiently for its absent button but things eventually brought it to your attention That was the era when dresses buttoned down the back There was a young man calling on Isabel one lovely summer evening and as they sat on the broad porch seat his arm accidentally fell off the railing and its impetus was sufficient to cause it to wind about her waist

'When the people down on Main street got the echo of that yell it caused intense excitement Ted Simmons, who was in the middle of a funny story, nearly bit off the end of his tongue he stopped so quickly, and Judge Belmont let the front legs of his chair come down so suddenly that the barber's dog had no chance at all and to its last day wore that hole punched through its ear

'You see there were enough pins in Isabel's belt and waist generally to sink a battleship and that unfortunate young man got every last one of them shot into his arm clean up to the hilt Isabel's mother and her father and her little brother and the hired girl and the hired girl's girl friend and one or two neighbors all came running and it took all of them to pry the young man loose

"You do not need to have me tell you that this was a most horribly embarrassing situation, especially as his arm in fighting where it did had been activated purely by accident and his efforts to explain to Isabel's father between yelps of pain so to speak were very pathetic He never went to see Isabel again and she eventually married a traveling man, who after he married her managed to travel 365 days every year, leaving her lonesome and pining, all because he couldn't stand looking at so many pins bursting forth. So you see—"

"Maybe she didn't like him much anyhow, and didn't care,' said Caroline hopefully "Still I guess I might as well go upstairs and sew on a few buttons—just to kill time. Because I expect you're making every bit of it up!"—Chicago Daily News.

Substitute for Moth Balls.

Mix together one ounce each of cinnamon cloves nutmeg mace caraway seeds and tonquin beans and six ounces of powdered orris root Put the mixture into small bags and then put the bags among the clothing This will prove an excellent moth preventive and a pleasant odor.

WOMEN ARE GOOD WAR COOKS

Through Natural Economy They Reduce Cost of Feeding British Soldiers More Than One Half

The first woman cooks in the British army were employed in August 1917 at a convalescent camp and six months later the formal recruiting of women for this work was initiated

Today there are more than 6 000 cooks and waitresses in 200 camps in England alone writes a correspondent Women have also taken over the kitchen service in all the Canadian and Australian hospitals, and women instructors are being employed in the regular army schools of cookery One woman who enrolled as a cook two years ago and who is only twenty two years old has risen to the rank of superintendent and is responsible for the whole service in a camp of 22 000 men

The economy resulting from the employment of woman cooks has been very marked In one large officers' camp the daily messing charge was reduced within a few weeks from 65 cents a day to 31 cents and in addition a fund of $500 was saved for miscellaneous purposes The rate at this camp is now reduced to 18 cents a day

Take a Rest in Winter.

According to some medical authorities the summer is not the logical time to take a vacation a rest during the winter having much greater recuperative value for the year round worker says Leslie's Magazine In their opinion the low temperature cuts up bodily fuel saps vitality and limits all one's powers Records compiled by business houses factories and various industries prove that winter is the time most people need a rest It may be surprising to those who term winter days as 'exhilarating' to know that scientifically this is a mistake The cold forces them to move briskly keep the blood stirring and generating more heat and because of this lovers of the winter are often under the impression that this false activity signals the possession of the maximum of energy

Worn Blankets.

Lay smoothly upon the thin place a piece of used flannel and sweat and fell simply and securely Then begin at the lowest edge and stitch with the sewing machine row after row sweet slowly a quarter of an inch apart until the extent of the patch is reached withdrawing the pins as you proceed This is quickly done and is a most satisfactory method Do not work around and around as the goods will bulge in the middle and half the design of the patch that of neatness will be a failure Should the selvedge be frayed turn the machine over it including it and stitch as directed It is not necessary to break the machine thread for each row Stitch the way of the stripes

THE RAGE NOW

Patient—From what you say, doctor it seems that I mustn't eat anything

Doctor Emdee (absently)—Yes, and be sure you chew it thoroughly.

Austrian Women on Juries.

Austrian women may now serve on juries, if the head committee of the Austrian parliament has its way. In spite of protests from government members by a majority of 7 to 6 it recently voted in favor of admitting women to juries. Women must take men's places here as elsewhere.—Woman Citizen.

To Dry Wash Cloths.

Sew on all your washcloths, then put screw hooks in the lower part of the window sash in your bathroom; raise the window, hang up your clothes and see how quickly they dry, and how sweet they smell from the air and sunshine.

Don't Scratch It.

A burned saucepan should be filled with cold water to which a liberal allowance of soda has been added. Let it stand for an hour or so, after which heat the water slowly for a few minutes and the burned particles will come off quite easily.

FARM STOCK

HIGH-CLASS HORSES WANTED

Animal That Performs Work Most Efficiently and Sells at Profit Is Most Desirable.

The most desirable horse is the one that performs the work required most efficiently and economically, and sells at the greatest profit Under average conditions this horse will combine size, substance, style, step and quality Nothing adds more to the value of a big horse than style, action and quality

A big horse without these three things is a very undesirable unsatisfactory and expensive form of motive power, either on the farm or in the city Each year sees less demand for inferior horses both large and small, and a corresponding increase in the value of high class horses of

Style, Action and Finish.

three kinds—wagon horses chunks and drafters All of these horses are derived from draft breeds

Wagon horses weigh from 1 250 to 1 400 pounds and show style action, finish and substance to a marked degree Chunks weigh from 1 350 to 1 600 pounds and are compactly built, about two inches less in height than wagon horses of equal weight They must show quality action and especially substance to sell well Drafters weigh from 1 600 pounds up The bigger the better if they show the other qualities and are snappy movers

KEEP CLOSE TRACK OF HOGS

Make Sure That Animals Are Not Afflicted With Lice—Oilers Are Quite Common

It is well to keep close track of the hogs and make sure that they are not afflicted with lice Lice are blood-sucking parasites They lower the vitality of hogs not only by sucking the blood but by continual irritation which gives the hog no rest When hogs have many lice they will not do well and will lose flesh becoming much weakened in condition and thus more susceptible to disease

There are various methods of getting rid of lice Hog oilers are quite common though the crude oil which is used in them may be applied to the hog directly with a brush The hogs may be dipped two or three times at intervals of about ten days using some reliable coal tar dip or disinfectant. This gives good results

GRAIN RATION FOR LAMBS

Young Animal Just Beginning to Eat Should Be Given Corn, Oats, Oil Meal and Bran.

A good grain ration for lambs just beginning to eat is ground corn, 1 part; crushed oats, 1 part; linseed oil meal, 1 part, and wheat bran, 2 parts Wheat bran is very essential in this ration, and the shepherd should always see that it is present. A grain ration consisting of 2 pounds of wheat bran, 1 pound of oats (crushed oats being preferred), 1 pound of finely ground cornmeal, and one-half pound of oil meal has proved to be an excellent grain ration for young lambs It has also been found that a grain mixture of oil meal and cornmeal has given better results than a mixture of cottonseed meal and cornmeal.

ROUGHAGE FOR IDLE HORSES

Expert of North Dakota Station Makes Suggestions on Feeding During Winter Season.

Mr. Peters of the North Dakota experiment station makes the following suggestions on wintering the horse. The work horse that has been properly cared for and fed in the summer can be wintered, when not at work, on such roughage as oats straw, good hay and corn fodder. In addition to the above it may be necessary to give four to five pounds of grain daily per animal in order to maintain them in good flesh Idle horses should be turned out for exercise every day in winter except on the few stormy winter days that occur during this season.

FARM STOCK

ACTUAL COST OF SHEEP CARE

Hard to Figure in Dollars and Cents Labor Required—Much Depends on Equipment

The actual value in dollars and cents of the labor required in the care of a flock of sheep and lambs for any given period is hard to figure. Much depends on one's equipment and its adaptability to sheep. The value of the manure must be taken into consideration as also must the use of farm work during the month just before pasture comes in.

Summer pasture for sheep is worth about 25 cents per head per month. Two lambs are considered to average the equal of one sheep during the pasture season. One-fifth of the wool and one-fifth of the lambs would be reasonable pay for the care of the flock.

Fine for Wool and Mutton

and its pasture. The portion of the wool paying the shearing bill for the month preceding it. With five-sixths of the ewes retaining twins we have 183 per cent increase. That is a very good lamb crop and with of them will pay for summer pasture of the flock.

COLTS PAY FOR HORSE WORK

Fine Points of Farm Management Illustrated by South Dakota Farmer—Uses Mares

(By W. A. OSTRANDER, South Dakota State College.)

A farmer in Spink county, South Dakota, was asked in the spring what he should get this year's work done for and in addition his answer to other questions as to how he could get seven years in order to pay all two horses and mules of good quality, he said: "I would raise two colts." On analyzing this statement we found that this answer is especially applicable to the colts part of it. This fact is commonly lost sight of by those who are in the habit of raising horses.

LIVE STOCK

PROPER SELECTION OF SIRE

One of First Considerations in Breeding of Livestock—Pure Bred Gives Best Results.

One of the first considerations in the breeding of livestock is the selection of the proper sire. The influence of the sire is pre-eminent because he directly affects a greater number of offspring than does the single female. There can be no improvement or grading up process by the use of scrub sires. Horse breeders should recognize the fact that it is not a prohibitive proposition simply to breed mares to any stallion that may be available. A sound, pure-bred stallion should be used if the best results are to be obtained.

The stallion selected should conform as closely as possible to the breed and type of the mares that are to be bred. Stallions of pure breeding are by virtue of their unmixed ancestry possessed of greater prepotency than are grades or scrubs and will therefore invariably impress their offspring with their breed characteristics and individual merit.

A low service fee is too often the deciding factor with many farmers and mare owners in the selection of a sire. A low service fee should never be a temptation but rather should be taken as a warning. A low fee is usually a sign of an inferior stallion. Colts from inferior or scrub sires will sell for much less than those sired by the sound pure-bred stallion.

SALT ESSENTIAL FOR SHEEP

Particulars of Interesting Experiment Conducted in France—Mineral of Big Value

The value of salt for sheep is not as fully realized as it should be, and the particulars of an experiment conducted in France are of interest in this regard.

Three lots of sheep were fed on hay, straw, roots and small amounts of oats. Lot one had no salt; lot two received salt each day, and the other lot the fourth, one each day. These lots had a half ounce added to their feeds, so that each had the same salt, but the fourth got it in a somewhat different manner. The sheep that had the salt showed much better results in the quality and texture in the wool.

MULE AND HORSE SHORTAGE

War Demand and Few Number of Animals Bred Are Bound to Bring About Higher Prices

(Clemson College Paper.)

More than a million horses and mules of the United States have been used for military purposes in connection with the European war during the last three months—that is, almost as many horses have been taken from the farms of this country during the last three months as were taken during the entire first two years of the war. The war department and the remount commission are buying mules and horses as rapidly as they can find them. Until the last call for mules, the government was paying from $200 to $300 for mules, and the best mules were bringing even higher prices. Many mules were sold for as much as $400 during the last year of the war, and the prices for mules and horses will be higher than ever before for several years to come.

There are probably 3,000,000 horses and mules on the farms of the United States which will be sold or used for other purposes during the next two years. At least 1,000,000 of these horses should be saved for breeding purposes. If we can save enough of the mares and fillies to produce 1,000,000 colts in the next two years, we will be in a position to supply the demand for horses and mules. Unfortunately, many of the mares and fillies will be sold for slaughter, naturally. Many of the mares and fillies will be sold for slaughter, naturally. Many of the mares and fillies will be sold for slaughter, naturally.

COUNTY NEWS NOTES

ITEMS FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS TELLING NEWS OF THE WEEK

ELDRED

Six Hundred Barrels of Oil Lost by a Leak—Bank Officers Elected

Francis H Hopewell a resident of Eldred for many years died at Reading Sunday Dec 16 at the age of 50 years Deceased was married to Miss Tina Carpenter of Eldred and the widow, two little children and one brother survive He was a member of Eldred lodge I O O F being a charter member of the order here joining at the institution of the lodge on August 28 1886

On Tuesday a break occurred in the United Pipe Line company's big line which lies past the plant of the Pennsylvania Oil Products refinery here and it is estimated that about 600 barrels of refined oil leaked out Fortunately the trouble was discovered by the refinery force and they immediately got busy and opened a connection to the line which they have into it and reversing their pump drew about 180 barrels into a tank and saved it The break was about as large as a man's hand flatwise and spurted the valuable oil as carelessly as though it had been water and of no value It is estimated that over $3,000 worth of oil leaked out before the pumps on the line were stopped, of which the prompt work at the refinery here saved about a third

The Eldred bank has reelected the following officers Charles McKean of Smethport president, E M Parke, of Bradford vice president, O D Underwood cashier, George Segling, assistant cashier Miss Maude Welsh clerk The employees have been granted substantial increases in salaries

J B Thomas of Washington D C, of the Washington Land & Mortgage Co was the guest of W F Burr the forepart of the week

Miss Margaret Cullin who has been employed at Mrs D F Marsh's Sons millinery for the past seven years has gone to Bradford to work

Atty G B Mayo Hon H H Redfield and James McKean of Smethport and E M Park of Bradford were here Tuesday attending the directors meeting of the First National bank

Guy Woodmansee left Saturday for Washington D C where he has accepted a position in the United States Civil Service Commissioners offices

Born the 16th to Mr and Mrs Wesley Hurdy a girl

At the Rice Wetch & Davis No 1 Wednesday the quart of glycerine had been lowered to shoot the well and an empty shell being in the hole when it struck went out after his can to fill it While it was not a party in the derrick it naturally touched the sand and should not it still did explode and wreck the rig down the hole When it struck into the loose sand it stuck and the [illegible] was done [illegible] the well has [illegible]

MT JEWETT

Death of John Zarr—Officials Visited the Tannery

[illegible] from the tanners [illegible]

Mrs [illegible] of Bolivar Mr H R Gould of St Marys and Mr Gould of Buffalo who are among the oldest residents of the Kistler Tesh & Co tanning interests made a visit to the Mt Jewett tannery on Wednesday They appeared pleased with the excellent showing made by their property here

An interesting meeting of Mt Jewett Castle No 7 P H C is looked for next Tuesday evening when a class of from 15 to 20 new members will be initiated

Mr John Zarr an old and respected resident of Mt Jewett died at the home of his daughter Mrs Andrew Johnson on the West Side on Sunday night January 13th He was in his 80th year The deceased is survived by the daughters Mrs Andrew Johnson Mrs Alfred Carlson and Mrs Albin Colcson all of Mt Jewett—Herald

APPOINTED FIRST LIEUTENANT

Joseph F Robinson of Bradford former captain of State Constabulary and former captain of Company C Sixteenth Infantry N G P has been appointed by Governor Brumbaugh to serve as first lieutenant of Company M Pennsylvania reserve militia The command will be divided between the cities of Warren and Bradford Dr Danforth of Warren has been named captain and presumably both lieutenants will be Bradford men

Lieutenant Robinson is well known in McKean county, which he serves as county detective

PORT ALLEGANY

Never Forget the Old Soldiers—No Street Lights When the Moon Shines.

In our patriotism for our new soldier lads let us not forget the brave men who fought for us in 61 65 At a meeting on Thursday evening of Henry Metcalf Post G A R the following officers were installed at the Post rooms M F Hall commander, [illegible] F Burt adjutant, D M Wright, quarter master, C H Cole quarter master sergeant, A S Ames chaplain, W M Hamilton officer of the day William VanLoon guard, A R Barnaby vice commander, Walter Ostrander junior vice commander A delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the Auxiliary to the home comrades and visitors The veterans voted to send a letter of thanks and cheer to the local boys now in the service of the U S telling them they appreciate what they are so nobly doing to preserve this country's honor and freedom, (which these brave men fought so hard to gain back in the sixties) and also trying to carry this same message of liberty and justice to all nations of the world

The burgess has inaugurated a fuel conservation by ordering all street lights cut out during these moonlit nights The moon certainly gives more light than some of the gas lamps about town This order will also give the street commissioner an opportunity to clean up the burners on many of the poor lights

Prof Dean Shull the efficient assistant principal of the high school has passed his examination and has enlisted in the ordnance school of the University of Philadelphia

Justice J Lester Ward has received the appointment from the department of the Bureau of Mines as licensing agent for the use of high explosives.

Mr and Mrs Joseph F Wagner of Bradford are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl born January 16th Mrs Wagner was formerly Miss Addie Lewis of this place

Mr and Mrs W F Pelton and Mrs Esther Campbell of Wrights left Tuesday for Clearwater Fla where they will pass the winter Mrs Campbell will visit her son Fred there

Mrs Robert Scott and son Harold left Tuesday for Oklmulgee Okla where she will join her husband who is employed there

Mr and Mrs W F Richards started on a trip for Bakersfield Cal where they will pass several weeks on business

Mrs D S Helmer was in Smethport Wednesday on business and attended the meeting of the county board

Misses Edith and Esther Larson of Smethport the guests of Miss Ruth Rupert

KUSHEQUA

School to Reopen Soon—Stockholders Meetings

The annual meeting of the stockholders [illegible] Monday evening, at the office

The stockholders of the Kushequa brick company met for their annual meeting Tuesday afternoon

Miss Harriet Kane and O'Neil Kane returned to Oberlin college Tuesday morning

J A McKinnon was called to Washington D C on railroad business the latter part of last week

Miss Mildred Delameter spent the week end at her home in Olean

Mrs William Carroll is undergoing treatment in the Bradford hospital

Miss Rose Luther is visiting friends at Farmington N Y

A force of carpenters is busy at work remodeling a vacant house belonging to D Kane and located near the site of the burned school house It is expected that school can reopen within two weeks

Hugh Nivers was at his home in Davis over Sunday to bid farewell to his brother who has enlisted and is leaving for Columbus O—Mt Jewett Herald

AUDITORS NOTICE

In re Estate of Frank I Conner late of the Township of Keating McKean County Pa deceased

In the Orphans Court of McKean County No 13 December Term, 1917

Appointed auditor to distribute the balance in the hands of the administratrix as shown by her first and final account I will attend to the duties of my appointment at my office at Smethport in said county on Saturday February 16 1918 at 10 o'clock a m at which time and place all parties having claims or demands against said estate shall present the same or forever be debarred from participating in said fund C W SHATTUCK

Smethport, Pa Auditor

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KANE

Good Well Struck in Abandoned Territory—Glass Factories Can Run

The window glass industry is exempt from the fuel administration order closing down industries in general for five days and for Mondays until March 25 according to a message received from O J Lindbome superintendent of the Kane plant of the American Window Glass company The exemption is made by the fuel administration under exception that permits operation of factories running seven days a week where damage to the plant or contents would result A H Gaffney has telegraphed from Washington that Kane glass industries are exempt from the closing order This ruling means that Kane will feel the weight of the closing order less severely than other towns and cities

James Gentillimo paid a fine of $9 62 Saturday for keeping his 14 year old son out of school

The marriage of Luigi Mancino and Miss Concetta Zampogna sister of Mrs Joseph Palumbo both of this city was solemnized Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock at St Callistus church Rev D S Sheehan performing the ceremony in the presence of relatives and friends

A well that started off with 40 barrels daily production with 20 000 feet of gas was drilled in Wednesday morning by Uber brothers on their farm at Blisses on the Kinzua road Drilling was suspended as soon as the drill pierced the sand as the well immediately flooded with oil and prevented further drilling The well is the third drilled in on the farm in the last year All started with big productions for these days and are profitable when pumping smaller number of barrels for sale at present high price of crude The territory had been abandoned for nearly 20 years before Uber brothers began operations In the early days some gushers were struck but failed to hold up

Born to Mr and Mrs Grant Hannah at the Kane Summit hospital Saturday a son—Republican

CLERMONT

News and Jolts of the Week Facetiously Related

$10 reward for solution to the puzzle

John Fitharris of Bradford was a visitor in town Monday

Mr and Mrs Walter Perry of Port Allegany were in town Friday

Frank Smith has changed his mind about leaving for Hog Island He's feeling sad about people suffering for want of coal so has thought of a better plan than helping the government and has gone to work for the C S P Co in their mines Well Frank all the coal sufferers will be very thankful to you because they will have depend on some other coal dealers to keep the ship building plants going when the need is more urgent

F Mosel was a Smethport caller Tuesday

Mr Anna Schleiff was a Smethport visitor Tuesday

Clifton Walker was also a Smethport visitor Tuesday

For goodness sake Who happened to R Saturday evening?

Miss Mary Keating Mr Gertrude McLaughlin and son Anthony were Wilcox visitors for a few days last week

There was an open fashion show given by two young ladies of our city Sunday afternoon The weather turned out very agreeable for the occasion

Victor Swanson was a Clermont caller Monday

Mart Birmingham was a Smethport caller Wednesday

Harry Silfies and Verne Swanson were Olean visitors Friday

The Clermont people are very busy knitting for the Red Cross

Hon H Altimire was conveyed to his offices the other morning by The C S P Co's old employees J J Allison and Tom ——— A very respectable form of conveyance for an old gentleman

Simon Anderson was a business visitor in Marvindale Wednesday

Elsie Johnson and sister Margaret were Johnsonburg callers Saturday

Albert Anderson of Buffalo is visiting his parents Mr and Mrs Fred Anderson—and Johnsons

M F Quinn was a business visitor in town for a few days returning to his home in Olean Saturday——

Rev I J Carpenter was aSmethport caller Thursday

Mrs J J Allison was a Smethport visitor Thursday

Wonder who the strange chicken from Olean calls on However she went back stocked with sugar (LL B) unfortunately overslept He succeeded in making town Sunday by a Sobound "double header"

Clair Elick and Jean Silfies were Smethport callers Saturday but Jean didn't [illegible] that night because [illegible] information [illegible]

Detective Welsh was a caller in town Saturday

Mrs F Spindler and daughter Lena were in Smethport Saturday

Mayor Casey and secretary were in town Saturday.

Mrs Geo Silfies was a Ridgway visitor Saturday

Well the Mt Jewett Ford was in town again Saturday night But this time it has exchanged its wheels for runners and the engine for horses Well the roads are not blocked at all

There was a surprise party up to Johnsons Sunday night

Esther Ragman was home for a few days

Little sleds should keep near the beaten path for the young chaps that run his sled into the mouth of the coal mines got what he wasn't looking for Pshaw Instead of going to the doctor he ought to have some peppermint

Jas DeStafno Victor Swanson and Eddie Johnson have gone to St Marys Pa where they have applied for positions as firemen They have taken their trial trips in part and their many friends wish that the last trip will be a huge success

The water works has been shut down for a few days to make repairs but at this writing it is again O K

Well Dave did certainly have a scare last week He thought that he had to obey the government orders to save coal so he hunted up some old ties and thawed them out made up up his mind that he was going to have wood to burn anyway

Say whats the matter with Crosby—and Colegrove?—and the Old Woman? Clermont wants to know

Mrs Thomas and daughter Christina were Smethport callers Monday

Bruno Muzzie was a Smethport caller Monday

Mr and Mrs J J Allison and son Pete were in St Marys for a few days

BUSH HILL

Roads Are Blockaded by Snow—An Enjoyable Dance

Miss Anna Smith is spending a few days with her sister Mrs John Lyman of Port Allegany

Carrie Cochran spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents of Smethport

Mr and Mrs Peter Fix and daughter were in Port Allegany Saturday

The dance held at Mrs Berda Van Sickles Thursday evening was quite well attended and all reported a good time A G Parks furnished music

Charles McKiernan is home from Crosby for a few days

William Smith the son of Mr and Mrs Thos Smith who fell and sprained his ankle a week ago is getting along as well as can be expected which is pleasing news to his many friends

Miss Marian Van Sickles was calling on Miss Nellie Smith Sunday evening

O D Cory who has been living in Stillson's Hollow for the past year has moved back on his farm in Farnum Brook

The Bush Hill roads seem to be still blockaded Some one get busy

Mr Sherman Manning who has been visiting Theo Smith and family has returned to his work in Perry N Y

LARABEE

Working in a Coal Mine—News Notes of the Week

[illegible] A S Hulholme of Smethport called on town Monday

Mrs Henry Rassmann fell on the ice last Monday breaking her arm at the wrist and elbow

C V Blakeley and daughter Miss Louise and Miss Mildred Foster of Eldred called in town Sunday

Fros Carpenter was a business visitor in Olean Wednesday

Mrs Hooker of Stilltown is on the sick list Dr G P Mercham of Eldred is attending her

Mr and Mrs Clarence Billiard and children were week end guests of relatives in Eldred

C J Carey was a Smethport visitor Wednesday

Mr and Mrs Howard App are visiting the latters parents Mr and Mrs Fred Stives of Barnum

W T Wainmann of Stilltown called in town, Wednesday

Mr Dawley took the Larabee school for a sleigh ride Wednesday evening

M M Carpenter who is working in the coal mines at Mt Alton came down Saturday with a load of coal which he delivered in Eldred

Mrs James Oliver and son George of Newell Creek enroute to Bradford Pa called on Mr and Mrs Fros Carpenter between trains Tuesday

CROSBY

Basketball Game—Scouts Elect New Scout Master—News Notes of Interest

A party was given for Mrs Belle Schellander last Friday at her home A very delicious luncheon was served and all surely had a very nice time

The boy scouts held a meeting Monday evening in the parish house and elected a new scout master, Herman Lord

Albin Andersqil is drawing chemical wood out of White hollow

The Crosby Gas Co has purchased a fine new team.

Miss Kessler of Smethport visited at Mrs Ida Timmerman's last Friday

Mrs Jarrett and daughter is visiting at Mr and Mrs Jim Bloomster's

Word reached here last Saturday of the sudden death of Mrs Clara Graden in Bradford Her brother W A Hulett went there to attend the funeral

Henry Keltz of Elmira N Y is visiting friends in Crosby

Pete Walters has purchased the Brougham house and will move there Mr Dunn will occupy the house vacated by Mr Walters

A good game of basketball was played last Friday night between Betula and Crosby boys Score 17 to 22 in favor of Crosby

Miss Freeda Marsh is on the sick list Let's hope for a speedy recovery

Messrs Fred Grantier E W Wilcox Edward Eastwood and M W Grinolds spent a musical evening at the home of I G Wilcox last Sunday

Miss Vada Palmatier of Betula spent some time with her aunt Alta Kilcoin

Mr Anderson is some better at this writing

Mrs Anna Cleveland visited her mother last Monday

Mrs Clara Wilcox called on Mrs Neva Marsh last Monday

Very cold weather again

BRADFORD

Coasting Accident—New Red Cross Headquarters—Awarded Compensation—Chemical Plant Rebuilt

Dr Henninghoff continues to improve after his recent operation at the Bradford hospital

The plant of the Keelor Chemical Co Inc at Wetmore has been rebuilt in quick time of ten weeks by Gates & Larson contractors of Bradford The completion of the new $14 000 building permits resumption of operation which was suspended by burning of the plant under suspicious circumstances At the time of the fire the Keelor company was working on government contracts

Mrs Anna F Williams widow of Samuel J Williams of No 9 School street has been awarded compensation for the death of her husband who was found suffocated at the dye works at South Bradford recently The beneficiary is given $2 00 which amount is to be paid over as follows $100 for burial expenses and $8 a week for 300 weeks

Brymin & Orange newsdealers Monday very generously donated the newspapers which are received daily at their store to the Red Cross society for sale at the headquarters in the Odd Fellows building and as a result the gratifying sum of $3 33 was realized This amount will be turned in to the treasury

The Bradford Bar association met in the office of Mayor H H Norris Monday afternoon and adopted the following resolution That it is the sense of the members of the bar of the city of Bradford that the [illegible] in said city during the continuance of the present war with Germany

The Red Cross chapter of Bradford has been offered the use of the Berry residence at No 7 Congress street for headquarters The house will soon be ready for the occupancy of the local Red Cross workers and the change from the present quarters in the I O O F building will take place about March 1st

Joseph Johnston the 12 year old son of Dr and Mrs James Johnston of Kennedy street was injured in a coasting accident Sunday evening The lad was sliding down the Kennedy street hill on the sidewalk and at a curve in the walk lost control of the sled and crashed into Miller & Company's building sustaining a scalp wound and bruises on his legs and arms He was taken to the hospital and given prompt medical attention and his condition is satisfactory

Elizabeth Bisett, little daughter of Mr and Mrs F W Bisett of No 120 Kennedy street, had a narrow escape from possible serious injuries Tuesday afternoon when she attempted to cross the street near her home stepping directly in the path of an approaching automobile The car passed over her but did not strike her and she crawled from underneath the machine uninjured

The death of Harry M Plagne formerly of this city occurred at the home of his daughter Mrs Hazel McLaughlin No 127 Woodlawn avenue Buffalo Monday morning Deceased had been ill of cancer for the past three months—Star Record

FALL MILINERY.

I now have a full and beautiful line of all the latest shapes an styles in fall millinery, and it would be a pleasure to show this line of goods to one and all Also a beautiful line of goods for young girls Mrs Carrie Clark.

Try an advertisement in the MINER for quick results

FARMERS VALLEY

Ladies' Aid Society Entertained—Assyrian Relief Fund Collection

Knit a bit
And while you knit
Another knits
And soon there's scores and scores
who knit
Because you knit
Your little bit

Mr and Mrs Herbert A Lamphere have moved into the parsonage

Mrs Bert Richmond entertained the Ladies Aid on Thursday The next Aid on Jan 31 will meet with Mrs J B Roeder

Clet Young who was somewhat improved has developed pneumonia

Harry Bennett is entertaining his father at James Brays

Mrs Maude Frisbee of Oil City is visiting here called by the critical illness of her father Mr Young

Miss Lois Scowden is recovering from a case of measles

At the church services Sunday a collection was taken for the Assyrian Relief Fund Between six and seven dollars was given

John Steinhauer of Erie has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr and Mrs L Steinhauer The enforced vacation granted by Dr Garfield gave him the opportunity

Earl Herzog is working in Coleville

A I Herzog was a Coleville visitor on Tuesday

Mrs Fred Digel spent Sunday with her son Walter in Olean

Arthur Rice formerly of the Valley, has enlisted and reported for camp Wednesday

Mrs Roeder gave a birthday party for her daughter Miss Rita Friday night Games and refreshments made up an enjoyable evening program

NORWICH

Taking Care of Her Mother—New Doctor Has Arrived

Dr Steele of Jersey Shore has arrived here and taken up the practice of the late Dr Francis Demmitt The new doctor is a capable and popular man

Mrs F T Demmitt of Clearfield and niece Miss Edna Strouse of Freeport, who have been here settling up the affairs of the late Dr F T Demmitt, left this morning for their homes

Ruth Fiefler of Salamanca is here caring for her mother who is sick with pneumonia

Roy Moran who is serving Uncle Sam as a soldier visited his father in this place this week

Lyle Ely who has been visiting in Austin has returned home

"AS SHE IS SPOKE"

Some queer sentences turned out by the pupils of the Methodist Girl's school at Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

When the form of a verb is changed it is called congregation

The prime meridian is called the eternal date line

Gibraltar is the keynote in the Mediterranean

The finest wheat that ever cropped grows in Russia

The masculine of spinster is bore.

He had nothing on except a sword and he was unarmed.

A wife is the upset (opposite) of the husband

The place was taken by storm and thunder.

Benjamin Franklin looked very funny with his clothes behind and a loaf of bread in his mouth

The cat was thin and pale.

Gibraltar is known as the keynote of England.

St. Helena is a place where Napoleon had been diminished.

The barbarian states are Morocco, Algiers, Tripoli and Turnips.

Queen Victoria reigned 60 years. She was the longest sovereign that ever ruled in England.

A frog is a bug with four legs. It stands up in front and sits down behind.—World Outlook

SOME POSTSCRIPTS

Japanese government experts are raising tobacco in Korea from American seed

A wheel chair has been patented that can be folded compactly for storage when idle

Official figures show that the sewers of American cities are long enough to girdle the earth.

English scientists are experimenting with the production of artificial rubber from coke oven gases.

Caddies are unnecessary for golf players who use a new holder for clubs that is mounted on wheels.